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Shadow ministers attack treaty

Labour rebels defy Smith on Maastricht

By Sheila Gunn, political correspondent an act of constitutional im-

propriety, if not treachery. Senior Conservatives are

privately expressing delight that Labour's divisions over

Europe are now coming into

the open and can help to deflect the spotlight from the sharp differences within Tory

ranks. More speeches are ex-

JOHN Smith's hopes of stamping out the rebellion within the Labour party on his European policy suffered a fresh setback yesterday with attacks on the Maastricht treaty by three senior party figures.

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health secretary, said that the treaty could stoke up racism and fascism by devolving power further from the people of Britain. John Morris, shadow attorney-general, dismissed the treaty as "dead in the water" and Tony Benn said that continued refusal to hold a referendum would be

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Scots pledge

by Major John Major pledged after

meeting leading Scottish politicians and industrial-ists that he would help to

preserve the country's cul-

United Kingdom of equal partners. But he ruled out a

referendum on Scottish

Driver cleared

A motorist had his convic-

tion for failing to provide a

breath specimen quashed because of a legal loophole which could clear 100,000

drivers convicted over the

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Pigs pacified

A rave party in the village of Ipsden, near Wallingford, has been banned because it might disturb the local

Saudi jet sale

President Bush is to allow

the sale of 72 F15 fighters

to Saudi Arabia, despite the

disapproval of the Israeli

government which fears that the move could tilt the

military balance in the Middle East..........Page 10

ANC accused

Pit job fears

Mineworkers has urged the prime minister to block

new coal contracts which, it

says, will result in the loss of

up to 45,000 jobs and do

irreparable damage to the

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pected in the next few days by ministers pointing to Mr Smith's problems in holding his party's line.
Mr Smith is planning to use Monday's meeting of Labour's National Executive Committee to try to calm the

tensions within the party. With the fate of the treaty largely determined by the French referendum on September 20, he is expected to appeal to his senior colleagues not to rush into rebel-lious statements. He is deter-mined to restrict the agenda to discussion of the policy paper for the party confer-ence and to delay a wider debate until the committee

meets on September 23. Mr Smith came under increasing pressure yesterday to referendum and to exploit the government's troubles over Europe and the economy. Mr Blunkett told the conference of the National Association of Racial Equality Councils in Sheffield that the recession, unemployment and public service cuts were creating a "rinderbox that must not be allowed to

ignite". He linked some of these difficulties with the treaty because it could lead to a further centralisation of power. "The danger of Maastricht, in its present form, is that it may reinforce genuine worries that influence and control are slipping away

from ordinary people."

Mr Morris, speaking in Llanelli last night, said that the French referendum would give a chance to redraft

the treaty. He criticised the Brussels bureaucracy as an "international scandal" and argued against giving "busy-bodies" in the Commission more power. The present treaty of Maastricht is dead

in the water," he said.

Mr Benn said that Mr Smith would eventually drop. Labour's resistance to a referendum and that the Commons would vote for one. "If there is not one, the government which took Britain in without consulting the British people would be engaged in an act of constitutional impropriety, if not actual treachery." he said.

Speaking on BBC Radio 4's The World at One, Paddy Ashdown, the Liberal Democrat leader, reiterated his support for a referendum. Michael Spicer, a leading Conservative Euro-sceptic, said that two-thirds of the

Bryan Gould, shadow national heritage secretary, again weighed in against Labour's official line to criticise both the treaty and Brit-European exchange-rate mechanism. He said in Neath that an overvalued pound could cause permanent damage to the economy.

"It almost beggars belief that we are now invited to hand over our economic policy to unaccountable bankers who are instructed by the treaty to give overriding priority to price stability above all other economic goals, and who would require massive cuts in public spending at a

time of deep recession.

"This is nothing more nor less than the entrenchment. as a permanent feature of European life, of the very policies which have created the worst recession in two Continued on page 16, col 6

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Palace revolution: the RAF bandswomen who will end a 155-year tradition rehearsing at RAF Uxbridge, west London, yesterday

Patten flies back for talks over airport

By ROBERT MORGAN AND OUR FOREIGN STAFF

CHRIS Patten, the governor of Hong Kong, returns to Britain next week to put his plans for more democratic representation and the transition to Chinese sovereignty to John Major and Douglas Hurd, the foreign secretary.

They will also discuss the Hong Kong airport project, which has become the focus of a struggle with Peking for political and economic influence. The project is expected to cost about Ell billion but Peking has refused financial backing because it fears that Hong Kong could be saddled with huge debts after the takeover in 1997.

This week the Chinese put forward proposals believed to include the ploughing of profits from sale of land along the airport's rail link into the project to reduce borrowings. The airport committee, made up of Chinese and British diplomats and Hong Kong officials, is expected to meet next week amid talk that it

could reach agreement. Mr Patten is also likely to tell Mr Major and Mr Hurd his views on how far he should go in championing the liberals in Hong Kong

increase liberal representation in the executive council. Mr Patten has hinted that he will take a much tougher line towards the communist government in Peking than his predecessor, Lord Wilson.

UN move to expand Bosnia peacekeeping force delayed

By MICHAEL EVANS, DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

MOVES by the United Nations Security Council to draft a resolution expanding the peacekeeping force in Bosnia from 1,500 to about 8,000 were under way last night, but UN sources said a resolution approving the new troop deployments was not expected until Monday. A formal meeting of the council was delayed when Ecuador, the current president, failed to

Sir David Hannay, the British ambassador to the UN, made clear that Britain wanted an early resolution. Britain's offer of 1,800 soldiers is likely to be accepted in full because of doubts about sending Italian troops to

convene it despite frantic

The moves at the UN came as a senior Bush administration official was reported as saying that America was consulting its allies over how best to implement a mooted ban on military flights over Bosnia. One purpose of the "no-fly" zone would be to prevent Serbian warplanes from shadowing Western relief flights to Sarajevo, the official

The air ban would also be a step towards US military involvement in the conflict in the former Yugoslav republic, the official said, adding that it would "get the attention" of the Serbian militia who have been attacking Bosnian Muslims for the past six months.
"We are looking quite actively and hard at it," the official told a group of State Department correspondents under rules that demand he not be

identified John Major made clear vesterday that he had no intention of recalling parliament to discuss the deployment of British troops in Bosnia, He dismissed a written demand from Paddy Ashdown, the Liberal Democrat leader, and said he saw no reason to change his earlier decision.

The proposal to increase the UN force in Bosnia was circulated to security council members by Boutros Boutros Ghali, the UN secretary-general, on Thursday. It calls for another four or five battalions to be sent, as well as transport back-up and 500 medical personnel.

UN sources said the 1,500 troops that had been offered by the Italians might not be accepted because of the reluc-tance to deploy soldiers from neighbouring countries in the conflict area. This would mean greater dependence on Britain and an almost certain request for all of the troops

that it has offered.
As UN officials admitted frustration over the delay in calling a security council meeting to draft the new resolution, General John Shalikashvili, Nato's supreme allied commander Europe. gave a warning against alliance military involvement in Bosnia. Speaking at a cere-mony at the Italian naval base at Taranto, he said the worst thing Nato could do would be to act "without a clear political goal around which we can all rally".

But, he said, the alliance could help the UN to monitor heavy weapons on the ground and aircraft in the sky if a request were received. Serb commanders have until noon today to hand over their heavy weapons to UN super-

Women in vanguard By KATE ALDERSON

General Shalikashvili also

said Nato could help with

quarters or with the restora-

tion of vital infrastrucutre.

He was, however, opposed to

military intervention. He

said: "Daily ... I hear calls

for military action, but often

only for action's sake and not because these calls offer road-

maps for a solution. We will

not advance the cause of

peace if we continue to insist

on a military solution to the

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THEY'RE changing the guard at Buckingham Palace nine women will march out with their male comrades today to end a 155-year tradition.

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The women from the Cen-tral Band of the Royal Air Force, who will wear trousers, busbies and boots like the men's, will parade in the palace ceremony in the knowledge that another member of their sex approves of the innovation.

"The Queen is absolutely delighted." Wing Command-er Barrie Hingley, principal director of the RAF's three bands, said.

Lower inflation rate fails to boost pound

By Colin Narbrough, economics correspondent

The armed wing of the African National Congress AN encouraging set of infla-tion figures and the prime was accused of plotting to assassinate Brigadier Joshminister's Thursday night ua Ggozo, the military dicpledge to defend the pound tator of Ciskei. where 28 solidly within the exchange-ANC supporters were killed rate mechanism (ERM), failed to give the pound more last Monday Page 11 than a temporary lift. The Union of Democratic

Official retail price figures, showing annual inflation slowing to 3.6 per cent in August, from 3.7 per cent in July, encouraged the stock market, although City economists still fear much of the improvement reflects two

years of recession. Annual inflation in August was at its lowest since March 1988.

Even the stronger dollar. drama in the foreign exchange markets dangerously close to its absolute floor in the European parity grid.

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which usually helps ease ten-sion between the ERM curand is likely to insist on being allowed to enact measures to rencies, provided scant promote local democracy. comfort for sterling, which ended a third week of high China has strongly chal-lenged the right of Britain to

Princess Royal denies 'silly girls' story

BY ALAN HAMILTON

BUCKINGHAM Palace, continuing its newly discovered robustness in defending its principals, yesterday issued a strong rebuttal on behalf of the Princess Royal, who is currently touring India and about whose possible remarriage there has been much speculation.

According to last week's Sunday Express the princess

press, the princess was said to have expressed the view during a private family gathering that she intended to delay her rumoured wedding to Com-mander Timothy Laurence until press interest in the marital problems of the Princess of Wales and the Duchess of York had abated. She was said to have objected to being used as means of diverting attention from the unwelcome publicity her two sisters-in-law have been receiving at the hands of the

She was quoted in the Express by an

unnamed source as saying: "I won't bail out those two silly girls", and "I won't be a pawn in a Palace public relations exercise". A Palace spokesman, acting on direct instructions from the princess, said yesterday: "Her royal highness wishes it to be known that she did not make the statements attributed to her. or anything like them." The statement was issued after the Palace had ap-

proached the Sunday Express suggesting a correction, which was refused. Eve Pollard, the editor of the Sunday Express, said yesterday that her newspaper stood by its story. After being told by the Palace that a denial would be issued, the Express had checked again with its source, who confirmed the accuracy of the quotes.

"While the Sunday Express has no

wish for a dispute with Buckingham Palace, we do not believe it would be proper to publish what amounts to a correction." Miss Pollard said. Speculation on the princess's wedding plans surfaced afresh yesterday, with an unsubstantiated suggestion that she

would marry Commander Laurence in February, probably in Scotland. Yesterday's denial is one of several which the usually reticent Palace has issued in recent days, on the undoubted instructions of the Queen, to counter the current feverish degree of interest in younger members of the royal family.

In the past two weeks spokesmen have dismissed as a fake a letter purporting to give details of the Princess of Wales's private life, and have rejected claims that the princess made secret visits to her friend James Gilbey at a Norfolk farmhouse. In addition. Scotland Yard has taken the rare step of denying a report that the princess dismissed her personal police officers in order to keep secret appointments.

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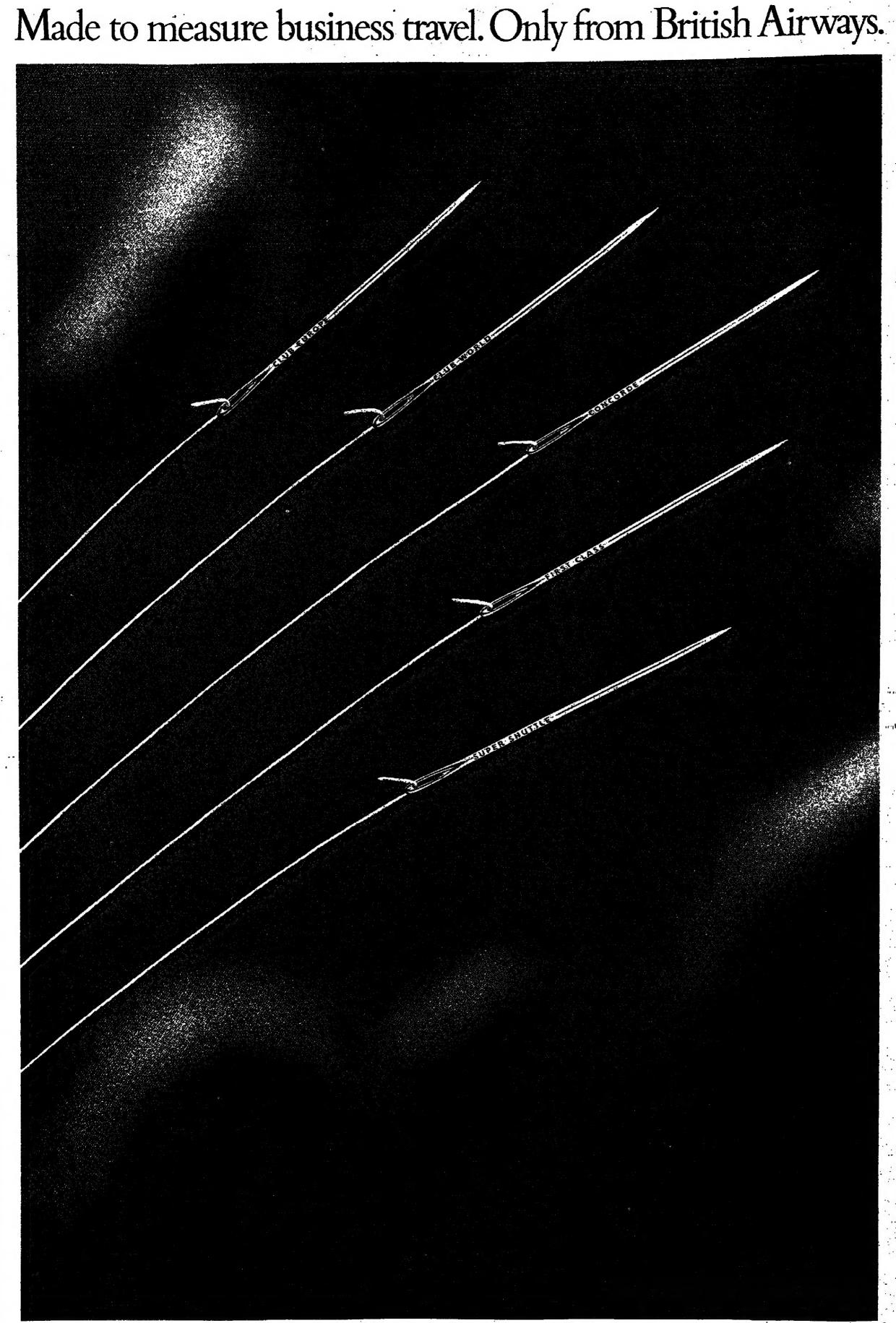


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Patient given lethal drug shared bond of affection with doctor

By BILL FROST

A BOND of affection and tween a hospital consultant and an elderly patient who died after being given a fatal injection. Winchester Crown Court was told yesterday.
Nigel Cox, 47, a rheumatol-

ogist at the Royal Hampshire County Hospital, denies attempting to murder Lillian Boyes, 70, after she had begged him to cut short her suffering. The jury was told yesterday that large doses of heroin had failed to ease the pain of her rheumatoid arthritis, complicated by internal bleeding, anaemia, gastric ul-

cers and body sores.

Patrick Boyes, 42, described how Dr Cox had praised his mother's courage shortly before she died. "He said how much he admired her and how fond he was of her. There was a bond between them because he had been treating her for so long."

Mr Boyes said that, on the morning his mother died, in

Dull days prompt early onset of illness

By ALISON ROBERTS

THE gloomiest August and early September weather for several years has been more than just a disappointment for the estimated 10,000 sufferers of seasonal affective disorder (SAD) whose symptoms have appeared early this year.

Victims of the condition, are already suffering flu-like aches and pains, stodgy-food cravings, lethargy and depression. The SAD Association reported an increase in enquiries and the premature onset of symptoms in its regular members whose illness nor-

mally begins in mid-October. The disorder is linked directly to the amount of light travelling through the opticnerve. With an average of only 168 hours of sunshine this August against 216 hours in both 1991 and 1990 and 242 hours in 1989, the amount of natural light available has become insufficient for SAD sufferers far earlier in the year.

Jennifer Eastwood, founder of the SAD Association, said some members were being forced into virtual hibernation by extreme tiredness. "People are affected by memory loss, lack of co-ordination, some spend all day in bed, overeat and feel ill. The worst cases have to be hospitalised."

SAD is thought to be caused in some people when insuffi-cient light inhibits the produc-tion of substances called neurotransmitters, which transmit the action of a nerve to a cell. The lack of a particular neurotransmitter called serotonin may affect the body's functioning and produce the SAD symptoms.



Free flights in America

Tomorrow, The Sunday Times joins forces with United Airlines to make an offer of unprecedented scale to its readers: the opportunity of a free

flight within the USA. There is no competition to enter, no tokens to collect everyone who buys a copy of The Sunday Times will get a free ticket voucher.

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Plus, there is a limited number of free trans-Atlantic return flights and also round-the-world "dream tickets" being

given away. See The Sunday Times Magazine tomorrow

August last year, she had been in terrible pain. "Dr Cox injected her in the foot. After that she just faded away. I was very upset but in another way relieved. But it was what she wanted. Her suffering was at an end after such a long time."

Nichola Creasey, a staff nurse at the hospital, described how Dr Cox administered an injection of heroin after having difficulty in find-ing a suitable vein. Some time later, she told Dr Cox that Mrs Boyes, although semi-conscious, was not completely out of pain. Dr Cox subsequently gave a second injection. Asked what effect that had, Mrs Creasey said: "Mrs Boyes blacked out completely and passed away a few minutes

At first, Mrs Creasey thought that the second injection had been a tranquilliser She then consulted the ward drugs book and discovered that Dr Cox had administered potassium chloride. "Mrs Boyes talked very af-

fectionately about Dr Cox, she was very fond of him and very grateful," she said. "She often used to say how kind Dr Cox had been and how he used to hold her hand. I know he was very fond of her, too." She told the court that, at

the time of the first injection, Mrs Boyes appeared to be fading fast. "She was just hours, may be even minutes

The Rev Robert Clarke, senior chaplain at the bospital, told the court that, in 21 years of comforting the sick, be had never seen a patient endure such suffering as Mrs Boyes had. The rheumatoid arthritis had "eaten into" her. "I have seen sick young childand IRA bomb victims. But I have never seen a person so physically degenerated by illness as Mrs Boyes," he said.

"On August 1 I last year, she announced to staff that she wanted to die and wanted no medication except for painkill ers. I respected that decision."

Mr Clarke said that he saw Mrs Boyes on the morning she died. "Her arm was no thicker than my two fingers. When a nurse touched her joints, you could hear her bones move. It is a sound that will stay with me to the grave."

Mrs Boyes had spoken of Dr Cox many times in glow-ing terms. Mr Clarke said.

"Like many patients, she praised him for being good, kind and effective." Mr Boyes said that, on the morning of her death, his mother had had difficulty

breathing. "Her chest was congested. She could not cough, it was too painful. A nurse tried to lift her, but Mother screamed in agony. She couldn't bear anyone to

Sydney Kentridge, QC, for the defence, asked: "Did you at any time ever make any complaint against Dr Cox? Mr Boyes replied: "No. Roisin Hart, a ward sister,

said in a sworn statement that, having examined the drugs book after Mrs Boyes died, she realised that a "lethal dose" of potassium chloride had been administered. "I was shocked by this. I did not know what to do and decided to give myself the weekend to think it over," she said.

She resolved to report the matter to the hospital's nursing manager. "I had to instigate enquiries and sort things out," she said. The trial contin-

London stays at top of business travel league

By Harvey Elliott, travel correspondent

LONDON is still the international business traveller's farate of almost two dollars to the pound, men and women from around the world would sooner come to London than any other city — and travel on a British airline to get here.

According to a survey among 3,636 international business men and women carried out by Business Travel-ler magazine, British Airways emerged as their favourite airline and London as their favourite business city. Those polled were some of the most influential decision makers in the world, including almost 1,500 company chairmen.

British Airways was voted the best airline by 24 per cent of respondents, with Singa-

pore Airlines second favourite on 20 per cent. Virgin Atlantic was voted best in business class on long haul flights. In spite of claims by travel

agents that they can provide the best business deals, the vourite city. Despite the survey revealed that 91 per recession and an exchange cent of business men and women choose the airline they fly with themselves. The results of the survey

came as welcome succour to the London Tourist Board, which has been trying to maintain London's image as the "world capital" and to convince the government that inbound tourists and businessmen and women should considered a vital part of the According to the Board, tourism as a whole earned an estimated £4,400 million for

the capital in 1991, and represented almost five per cent of London's gross domestic product. Some 200,000 Londoners - seven per cent of the working population - are employed in tourism, and an anticipated 50,000 additional jobs will have been created by the end of the century.



Making pigs of themselves: two residents of the breeding centre celebrate the court's decision in traditional fashion, rooting for a quiet life

Village rave party banned to save pigs' skins

By Julia Llewellyn Smith

A RAVE party has been banned from a village because it might disturb the

After hearing eight hours of evidence from pig welfare experts, sound technicians and local people, magistrates at Henley-on-Thames, Ox-fordshire, have decided to respect the wishes of Boaring the boar, Dot the spotty sow and the 460 other pigs at the RSPCA-backed pig-breeding centre in Ipsden, near Wallingford

has offices in Fleet Street and

more than 60 partners. He

admitted five charges of theft between October 1989 and September 1991. Educated at

Lancing and Cambridge, he

has been struck off by the Law Society and will never practise as a solicitor again.

The court was told that his

home, Silton House in Silton,

Dorset, has had to be sold. His

family is now living on social

security payments in a four-roomed cottage in the village.

Bridge was a member of the

John Coffey, for the prosecu-tion, said Bridge stole the

money from clients' accounts including one belonging to London Hospital Special Trustees. He made ten illegal

withdrawals from their ac-

count totalling E316,000.

local church council.

They upheld a decision by South Oxfordshire District Council not to grant a licence for the rave, planned for October 3, to Paul Bernstein. and his Leicester-based firm Nemesis Productions. Nemesis expected 10,000 people to attend the party at Chil-tern Park airstrip, 350 yards from the centre, which investigates the welfare of freerange pigs.

The leader of the unit, Dr

Jane Guise, said that eight hours of loud music could scare her animals and make them violent. "Groups of

startled pigs can charge through the fencing. When confused they fight, and this can be very dangerous. The boars have a tendency to kill each other." She said that loud noise

could force 45 pregnant sows to miscarry and that 30 other sows could squash their piglets as they jumped nervously up and down.

Jamie Day. from the National Association of Pig Breeders, said: "Pigs are very similar to humans. Very intense noise will disturb pigs who will have just been very agitated. It puts a big stress on them and they would take it out on each other." The RSPCA said it was delighted with the The village's 106 human

residents also objected to the rave, because of the increased traffic and noise it would produce. Eric Zuereb, the council's solicitor, said: "It is clear that local feeling is strongly against this rave party. There will be wide-spread disruption with

young people converging on the village." Police in Durham were on alert last night to prevent an estimated 1,500 travellers from setting up an illegal free music festival on moorands in the North Pennines. Landowners have gained an injunction to stop this weekend's Festival of the Silver Moon from taking place on Bollihope Common, near Stanhope, Durham. Durham county council has obtained an injunction to stop travellers using lay-bys and verges

Beware black cars at 3pm on weekdays **Solicitor** stole By Kevin Eason, motoring correspondent £410,000 FATAL road accidents are black is worst, with 179 acci-

most likely to happen to black cars being driven in busy A SOLICITOR who stole £410,000 from clients and urban streets at 3pm on weekdays, according to statis-tics disclosed by the transport spent the money on antiques. sending his two sons to public school, a holiday villa in France and a £120,000 flat for denartment yesterday. Green cars are the safest. A league table of the colour

one of his sons, was jailed for three and a half years at the of cars most involved in accidents in which someone was Old Bailey yesterday.

John Bridge, 54, earned more than £50,000 a year at injured shows clearly that Taylor Joynson Garrett, which

dents per 10,000 vehicles, compared with an average of 150 for all cars. Next is white at 160, then red with 157, and blue with 149. One of the salest of

satisfy the transport department. Alfred Munster, in the

department's statistics directorate, says it is more likely that the colour is related to the type of car being driven. "It is possible that certain colours

are more popular among groups of drivers with a higher colours seems to be green. isk of accident, such as young Using the simple logic that drivers or company car users, colour is the key has failed to he says in the report.

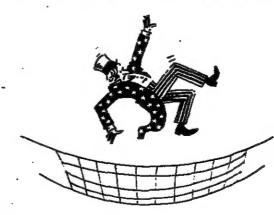
The statistics also show clearly when and where it is safest to travel. The highest risk time is between 3pm and 5pm from Monday to Thursday, with the peak of 3.326 deaths occurring at around 3pm during 1991.

Accidents are most likely on busy roads in built-up areas, with 215,624 people killed or injured in 1991 in urban areas, out of the total for all

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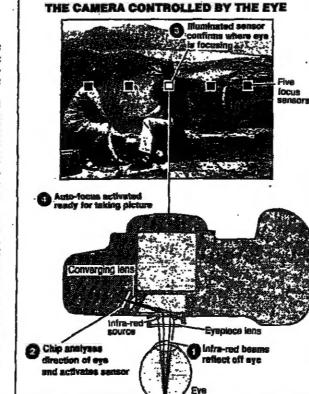
A CAMERA that harnesses developments in ophthalmic medicine will use the photographer's eye to focus on its

subject.
The camera, to be kunched by Canon in Britain next month, fires two infra-red beams on to the pupil and cornea which are reflected back inside. An infra red-

sensitive microchip deter-mines from the beams' angles where in the field of view the photographer is looking.
One of five sensors, displayed to the viewer as horizontal squares, is matched to the microchip's assessment of where the eye is pointing, and instructions are sent to the lens, which focuses on the

centre of the activated sensor. Traditional automatic cameras generally focus on the object in the centre of the frame or one that dominates a scene. That can often be a subject which the photographer had no intention of taking. The new camera, called the Electro Optical System or EOS 5, should minimise those frustrations,

it is claimed. For example, if the photographer is looking at Uncle Bill scaling Everest in the corner of his vision, the courageous relation can be accurately captured for posterity without the camera automatically focusing on the mountain.



Someone keen to take snaps of a dog running can look from left to right without having to compose separate

Because people's eyeballs are different shapes and sizes, the camera can be simply calibrated to recognise an individual user's eye. The might be possible, making EOS 5 can store details on up autofocus more accurate.

five different eyes. Masayoshi Hiramatsu, a spokesman for the Japanese company, said the technology was based on cameras used by doctors for eye examinations. Graham Smith, a Canon UK spokesman, said yesterday that up to 50 sensors might be possible, making the

Water meter homes find they can afford bills

BY DAVID YOUNG

ALMOST three quarters of 6.000 households which have taken part in a trial to study the social impact of having a metered water supply say that they have experienced no problems and that they think it is reasonable to meter

supplies.
The survey was carried out by Ofwat, the independent regulator for the water industry, and the environment department. Ninety-one per cent of households said that they had no difficulty in being able to afford their metered water bills and 76 per cent said that they did not worry about their

Of the 8 per cent who did report difficulty, most said that nis was because of low income



Ian Byatt: trials have caused few difficulties

or problems with other bills. ian Byatt, the director gen-eral of Ofwat, said: "Overall, the metering trials do not appear to have caused difficulties for many customers, and this is encouraging. A small number of customers, however, have found that metering has caused them some hard-

ship.
"There are important messages in the research which need to be addressed not only by the companies and myself, but by other government departments who will want to consider the findings

The survey, which was conducted in 12 areas of the country, found that when asked about the size of their water bills, 31 per cent thought that they paid less than they would have done under the rateable value system, and 19 per cent said that they thought they paid about

Forty-one per cent of households said that metering had not caused them to cut back in their use of water, most because they considered it unnecessary to do so.

Fifty-nine per cent of house-holds had attempted to reduce their use of water, and most reported no difficulty in this. The most frequently reported water saving measures were less watering of plants or gardens and not leaving taps

households — 8.3 per cent of the total interviewed — appeared to have experienced difficulty because of metering. Further interviews were held with 351 of these households. The majority of this group worried a lot about their water bills and other aspects of metering, and in some cases this had contributed to family tension and argument.

Only a third of these households thought it reasonable to meter water. However, when their water bills were examined, a third of these households paid less under metering than they would have under the rateable value

The survey found that awareness of the cost of using water was low. Only a quarter of households were able to make a reasonably accurate estimate of costs. Households where cost estimates were too high were slightly more likely to reduce their water

A high proportion of house-holds which had experienced the most financial difficulty had five or more members, and many of this group also appeared to have experienced events which had an adverse impact on their financial circumstances, such as unem-



Clinton's man: the economist J. K. Galbraith joined Paul Tsongas, a former presidential candidate, in hosting a Commons dinner party yesterday to support the Democrat contender. Gore campaign, page 10

Police seek owners of stolen art

By CRAIG SETON

POLICE in Gloucestershire are trying to trace the owners of stolen antiques and works of art, possibly worth up to £2 million, that have been recovered in a series of raids in the London area.

The items include furniture, paintings, silverware, miniatures, clocks and porcelain that have been stolen over several years from country homes in the Cotswolds and elsewhere. The property was seized last month by detectives from Cirencester in raids codenamed Operation Auction. Several people have been charged.

The valuables are being held in a warehouse in Cirencester while officers and art world experts identify and value them, and match them to property reported stolen.

Fischer averts third defeat

By RAYMOND KEENE, CHESS CORRESPONDENT

IN A fierce eight-hour battle, Bobby Fischer pulled back from an expected defeat to achieve a draw on the 61st move in the sixth game of the match against Boris Spassky in Sveti Stefan, Montenegro, on Thursday night.

Although Spassky had an extra pawn in the final stages, it was useless for winning purposes at this level. Spassky said that he had missed several chances to win and Fischer said: "I was in a difficult position for a very

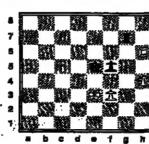
Spassky now leads by two games to one with three games drawn. The winner is the first player to take ten games and the prize is a record \$5 million (£2.5

displayed right at the start of the game. He arrived wearing a dark visor to shield his eyes from non-existent sunlight and ordered Spassky's assis-

tants, Yuri Balashov and Alexander Nikitin, out of the hall banning them from watching the game directly. Spassky complied.

Fischer, using the black pieces, used the Queen's Gambit Accepted again, as in game four. The position out of the opening looked level but by subtle play Spassky an-nexed a pawn. By the fortieth move, Fischer was fighting to stay in the game.

Observers and Fischer-watchers had been seriously concerned that if he lost a



The final position

third consecutive game he might have abandoned the match as he did in 1960 when he walked out of a contest.

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Tories ask estate agents to run housing

By Douglas Broom LOCAL GOVERNMENT CORRESPONDENT

THE Conservative flagship borough of Wandsworth in southwest London is to preempt government moves to force councils to privatise the management of council housing. It will invite estate agents to take over the running of council estates.

Ministers expects housing associations to take on most of the work when legislation soon to be drafted forces housing departments to compete with private firms for the job of managing their housing stock. Wandsworth believes estate agents can do the job better and has already held talks with the national firm Chestertons.

Mark Simmonds, 28, chairman of Wandsworth's housing committee, said housing associations, which now build most new homes for rent in Britain, had become too big and inflexible. Starting out as small voluntary groups build-ing homes for local people, they had become large land-lords since the government hatted council building.

Far from bidding to take over council estates, they should themselves be forced to open their housing management operations to private competition in the same way as councils, he said. "They started out with small groups of houses but now they are becoming municipalised, building huge estates. We can see no reason why they should not be subject to same disci-

pline as the rest of us."

Wandsworth, which was one of the first councils to privatise its refuse collection services, decided not to wait for the new legislation because it wanted to develop its own style. Three pilot projects, in-volving an entire estate and two tower blocks, are due to begin soon, with estate agents acting as managing agents.
"The idea is to explore both ends of the market," said a

spokesman. We will invite the big firms to take on a whole estate, but give the smaller firms a chance by putting single tower blocks out to tender." The results of the pilot projects will be reported to Sir George Young; the

Rape led to death of victim, 61

A man was jailed for seven years vesterday for causing the death of a frail pensioner

whom he raped. Kathleen Lillyman, 61, died of a stroke three days after Raymond Oxborough, 30, broke into her home in Headingley, Leeds, early on March 23, tied her to her bed and gagged and blindfolded

Oxborough, also of Headingley, had admined rape and was found gully in July of manslaughter, which he denied. Sentence had been adjourned for psychiatric and social reports.

Vote missed

Up to 250 electors in a council by-election received their polling cards yesterday, a day after the poll was held. Crewe and Nantwich Borough Council apologised, but said that the election result would stand.

Windmills stav

Leicestershire, is to be allowed to keep two 80ft windmills that provide electricity for his home, a planning enquiry has ruled. North West Leicester-shire Council had claimed that they were an eyesore.

Len Saxton, a verger at All Saints Church, Ilkley, West Yorkshire, was hit in the face by a man who interrupted a service and tried to set fire to a Roman altar. A man has been cautioned by police.

Bypass opens

A 14-mile bypass south of Norwich, Norfolk, was opened yesterday. It includes tunnels for badgers and other

Elderly hurt

Eleven pensioners were injured, one seriously, when a social services bus was in collision with a lorry at Poole,

Clough honour

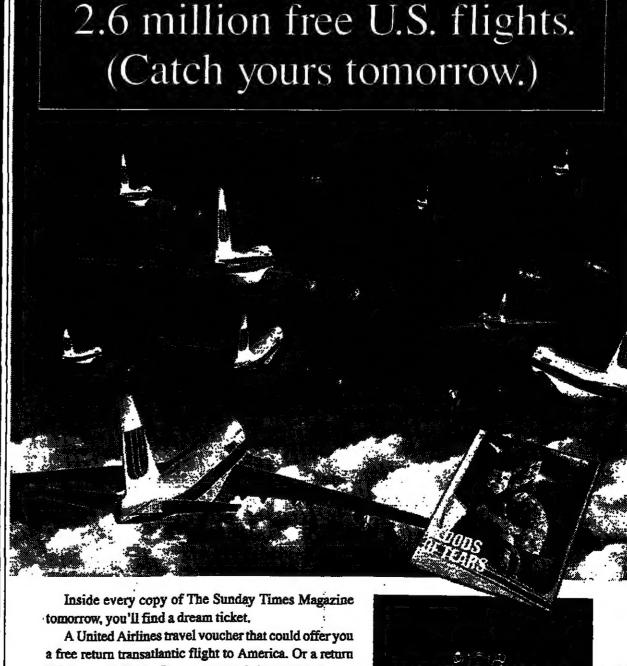
Brian Clough, who has managed Nottingham Forest Football Club for 15 years, is to be made an honorary freeman of



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Magistrates want to abolish jury trial for minor theft cases

By Frances Gibb, legal correspondent

MAGISTRATES in England and Wales are expected to endorse a call at their annual meeting next month for the abolition of the right to trial by jury in cases of theft involving less than £200.

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JPs from the 27,000-member Magistrates' Association are likely to give overwhelming backing to a motion calling for minor theft to be brought into line with other offences, such as indecent assault and assault on the police, which do not carry the right to jury trial.

The proposal will almost certainly be put to the Royal Commission on Criminal Justice when the association gives evidence later this month. At the same time, JPs are expected to raise the issue with the Lord Chief Justice, Lord

Joyce Rose, chairman of the Magistrates' Association, said that she did not wish to preempt debate. However, abolition of jury trial for petty theft won overwhelming support when JPs last debated the matter in 1980, and it remained association policy. If the motion were to be adopted, the association would probably raise the issue with the Royal Commission. "It is something we would like them

to look at again. We feel it is a

that equally serious offences,

such as assault on a police officer, are triable summarily only." Mrs Rose said.

Since abolition of jury trial for petty theft was recommended in a report under Lord James in 1977, it has been raised regularly by judges and magistrates. Lord Lane, the former Lord Chief Justice, repeatedly called for the ending of jury trial in such cases, and Lord Mackay of Clashfern, the Lord Chancellor, said in December 1988 that the time was right to

from the crown court.

The government at that time had recently acted to remove certain minor offences in the Criminal Justice Act 1988 (such as taking a motor vehicle, common assault and criminal damage up to £2,000) but this could be extended, Lord Mackay said

remove some minor offences

at a dinner in London.

Earlier that year a leak of a paper from his department disclosed that officials were drawing up proposals to put to ministers for curbing jury trial in some cases as a means of tackling a severe and growing shortage of circuit judges. No action was taken. The strength of the civil liberties argument — that a conviction for theft, however small, can destroy a reputation — has succeeded in persuading ministers that jury trial he retained.

Adrian Turner, honorary secretary to the Inner Manchester branch of the Magistrates' Association, which has tabled the motion, said yesterday: "This is being put forward again because of frustration that nothing has been done since 1977.

"The Crown Prosecution Service has a terrible dilemma in these cases; if someone elects crown court trial, the cost is likely to be considerable and they have to consider the prospect of success. In these circumstances, they may occasionally be tempted to drop charges."

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Magistrates are also expected to back calls for scrapping the new fees charged for seeking orders in family proceedings. "These fees, £20 per application, can well be an obstable to people going forward. We feel very strongly that when people come to the court in these caes they are often in distress and should not be put off."



Housewives' choice: passengers enjoy what could be one of their last trips on the King's Lynn ferry, across the Ouse in Norfolk. Shoppers

who use the ferry to cross ye between West Lynn and the ne town centre are worried that the service may be about to end after more than 850

years. Its four-minute journey saves a five-mile trip by car. The service has operated without interruption since 1125 but the operators,

Washport Bunkering Services, say that repair costs are high and the number of passengers — 1,000 a week — too small. Regular passen-

gers hope that an ancient act of Parliament forbidding the service from going out of existence can be invoked to save the ferry.

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Unease over bigger fines for the rich

FEARS have been voiced by magistrates that a scheme which will let them impose heavy fines on offenders with high incomes will create inconsistencies when it is introduced on October 1 (Frances Gibb writes)

The courts will have the power to fine up to £5,000, instead of the present maximum of £2,000, under a system which relates the size of fine to the offender's income. For motoring offences, for example, a low earner caught with defective tyres, steering or brakes could be find £16 and a high expert £400.

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The aim of the change under the Criminal Justice Act 1991 is to introduce a fairer and more consistent system of fines, but some magistrates are worried that different ways of calculating an offender's disposable income will lead to

varied lines across the country.
Keith Broadbent, clerk to
Swansea and Lliw Vailey justices, said: "Our concern is
that there will be marked
inconsistencies in the way
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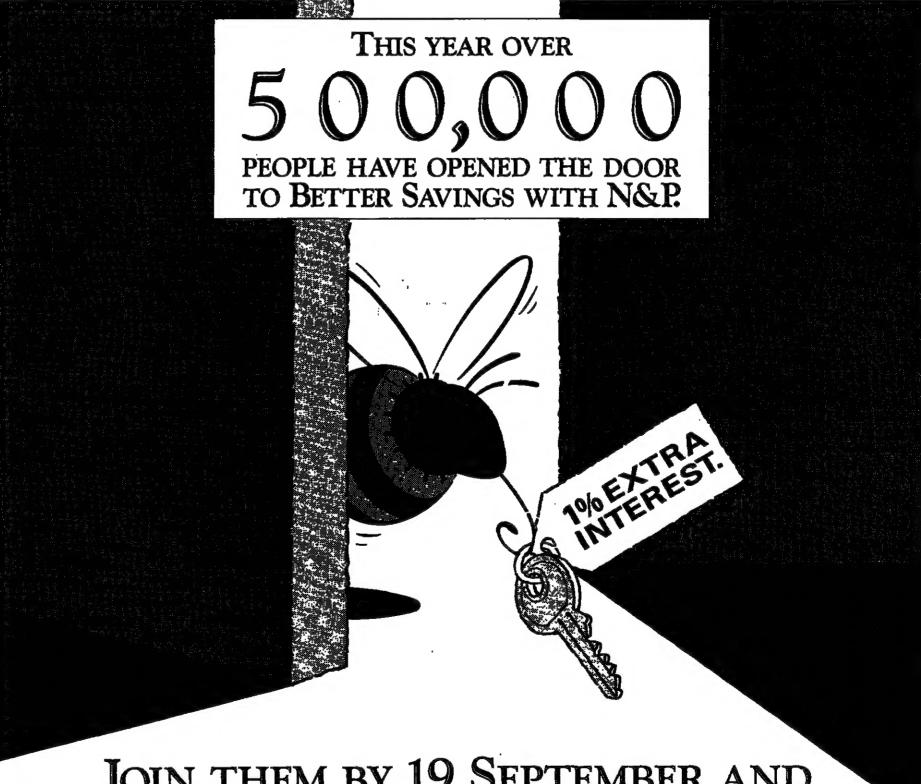
come. There is no common yardstick by which we should determine expenditure levels and necessities, and courts will have differing views about how to calculate these."

People on higher incomes often did have higher outgoings, some of which were inescapable, such as mortgage repayments, he said. Magistrates were struggling to find acceptable notional levels of mending on prescritics.

spending on necessities.

"In the first few months, this problem is likely to lead to marked inconsistencies in the fines courts impose," he said.

There are also fears about public reaction to sentences which vary according to a person's income. Joyce Rose, chairman of the Magistrates' Association, said: "Some concern has been expressed. But on the other hand I feel that if the public understands the principle behind the scheme, that it is related to ability to pay, they will understand why the sentence for the same offence can vary." The present system was itself an injustice, she said.



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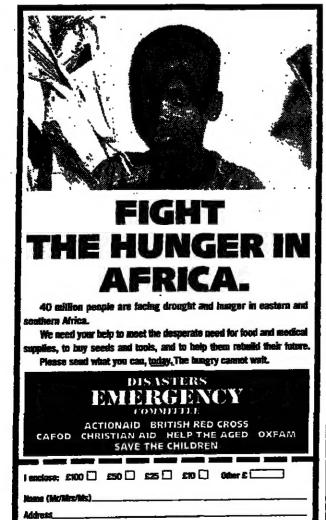


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Smith battles to hold party line on Europe

By Sheila Gunn, political correspondent

WHILE John Smith's unwavering support for the Maastricht treaty sounds like an echo of John Major's state-ments, the new Labour leader has been made painfully aware this week that, like the Conservative party, the divisions on Europe among his own people run deep.

Almost by the hour, senior Labour politicians have been coming out of the woodwork to condemn the treaty as a step too far. Some, like Bryan Gould and Tony Benn, no doubt have one eye on tough fights to keep seats on the party's ruling national executive committee this autumn. For others, it is as if they have reached a point were they can keep quiet no longer.

The Conservative claims before and during the general electon of Labour splits on Maastricht fell rather flat. given John Major's problems with the anti-EC lobby. When the Commons returned after the election the only satisfaction for Labour MPs, as their party was made virtually impotent by the Tories' electoral success and the leadership contest, was to witness the

party opposite tearing itself apart, aided and abetted primarily by Baroness Thatcher.

Up until last week Mr Smith hoped to ride out the hidden unease within his own ranks, knowing that he must wait upon the French and the Danes before deciding whether he wanted the treaty dead or alive. That ambition was thwarted when Mr Prescott disclosed last week that "there are varying kinds of view within the shadow cabinet on

So far Mr Gould, David



Gould: keeping an eye on NEC seat

Blunkett and John Morris, all in the shadow cabinet alone with Mr Prescott, have "come out" to dispute the offical party line that Labour wanted the September 20 referendum. They handed Sir Norman Fowler, the Tory party chairman, the opportunity to exploit Labour's "slipperiness"

on Europe. But the shadow cabinet has others who have been fervent Euro-sceptics in the past, most notably the party's new deputy leader Margaret Beckett. She has shown no signs of breaking ranks, but Mr Smith can not ignore any views she might express privately about

To muddy the waters, there are arguments within the party on whether Labour should hange its opposition to a British referendum, with a sizeable number of Labour M Ps appearing willing to vote for such a move in the Commons. A few genuinely believe the future of Europe should not hang on a referendum by others see an opportunity to humiliate the government



Fellow-travellers: Roger Freeman talks to WPC Sharon Sparrow late at night on the London Underground

Minister puts trains to the test

BY ADAM JONES

ROGER Freeman, the public transport minister, went on the subterranean beat with officers from the British Transport Police this week to test public attitudes to the service on the London Underground.

After mixing with latenight travellers on the Tube and at British Rail's King's Cross station. Mr Freeman said that most of the responses he received had been positive.

He admitted that he had had to fend off abuse from at least one fellow-passenger, who appeared to be the worse for drink, although he said there was praise for the Underground from a party of German tourists.

"I've spoken to a number of passengers on the Underground and they think security has improved," Mr

The presence of video cameras, more uniformed police and better lighting had made travel safer, the minister

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Labour prepares to rethink on schools

By John O'Leary, education correspondent

LABOUR leaders are prepar-ing to drop the softer line on schools opting out, which they put forward after the general

A statement approved by the party's national executive committee in June urged Labourcontrolled councils not to be hostile to grant-maintained schools. While continuing to oppose opting out in principle, the advice note was taken to be a step towards eventual acceptance of the new sector.

Motions submitted by constimency parties for debate at this month's party conference are overwhelmingly opposed to any accommodation, however. Eight of the 21 motions on education call for unconditional opposition to opting

Ann Taylor, Labour's education spokesman, said yester-day that the party's policy hadnot changed since the election, which was fought on a plat-

Major predicts recovery

BY SHIRTLA GUNN

JOHN Major welcomed yes-terday's fall in inflation to 3.6 per cent, the third successive monthly decrease, as fresh evidence of steady and secure progress on putting the econo-

my on the road to recovery.

The prime minister said inflation was now down to levels barely touched in the last quarter-century. Gordon Brown, the shadow

chancellor, said Britain's inflation rate was still higher than most competitors and was accompanied by a more seri-ous recession and faster rising unemployment rate.

John Carlisle, the Conservative MP for Luton North.

speaking on BBC Radio 4's The World at One, broke ranks by warning the prime minister that the economy was now in "a Titanic situation". Sir Marcus Fox, chairman

of the Tory backbench 1922 committee, said Tory MPs should not underestimate the determination and resolve of the prime minister to deal with

Inflation down, page 1 firm our existing Inflation slows, page 17 ing opting out."

form of returning grant-maintained schools to their local authorities. The June statement would soon be superseded by a new note on the government's education white paper, in which opting out was

the central theme. "The timing of the advice note was unfortunate because the mood had taken a dip after the election and some people thought there would be an avalanche of opting out, which never happened." Mrs Taylor said. This and the mistaken interpretation of the note by the media led some people to question what policy actually

"Motions for the conference were drawn up much earlier in the summer, and party that there has not actually been a change of policy. The position of being opposed to opting out stands."

The advice note, which was issued when Jack Straw was the Labour education spokesman, urged local authorities to reduce their role, adopt an even-handed approach to grant-maintained schools and try to win contracts to sell them services. Constituency parties were asked to support opt-out schools where parents and governors saw them as the best

way forward. Some of the conference motions are highly critical of this approach. The Brent party, in north London, urges all members to oppose the "retreat" on opting out, which it describes as an insult to constituency parties that are "organising intelligent and amicable camto be enticed by market-based

Tory policies".

The St Albans party, in Henfordshire, describes the acceptance of grant-maintained schools as premature. The Socialist Educational Association, which criticised the advice note in June, has submitted a long motion, restating Labour's intention to introduce a single state school system organised through local authorities.

Graham Lane, general sec-retary of the SEA, said: "I have had a lot of indications from constituency parties that the advice note was not helpful. Although most of it changed nothing, I think the document was a mistake because it gave the wrong impression. I am sure the conference will confirm our existing policy oppos-

Dublin firm on talks

By SHEILA GUNN, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

DAVID Andrews, the Irish foreign affairs ministers, said yesterday he hoped Ian Pais-ley and other Democratic Unionist MPs would return to talks on the political future of Northern Ireland, but repeated his government's view that there could be no preconditions to continuing the

The DUP leader Dr Paisley and his deputy Peter Robinson had walked out of the talks on Wednesday because they wanted a higher priority given to discussing Ireland's territo-rial claim to the province.

In London yesterday at the second meeting of strand three of the talks process, the British and Irish governments agreed to invite representatives of the four main constitutional Northern Ireland

parties to a meeting on relations between the two governments.

To date, the province's politicians attend only meetings in strands one and two, which focus mainly on the future government of Northern Ireland and its relations with Ireland.

On Thursday Dr Paisley demanded an "unambiguous statement" from Dublin supporting a referendum to withdraw its claim over Ulster. embodied in articles 2 and 3 of the Irish constitution.

However, concern that the DUP would abandon the " process altogether appears to have been dispelled. It now seems likely Dr Paisley and Mr Robinson will return to the negotiations when articles

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earnest Greens today when he

gives a vintage performance at a fringe meeting to announce that he is still a loony. The

former party spokesman, turned Son of God, who

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would be ravaged by floods

and earthquakes, will say:

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around me at what passes for sanity in the world today I

Before Mr Icke arrived in

Wolverhampton Mrs Parkin's

opponents jostled for the va-

thank God I'm a loony."



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SARA Parkin slipped virtually unnoticed into the back of the

Green party conference hall in were wrecking the party. Membership had declined from 18,000 to 8,000 and 75 Wolverhampton yesterday and listened to the day's debates. Activists were far too per cent of people who had busy discussing whether to resigned said they were fed up abolish money to acknowledge last year's star billing. with attempts to move away who is now denounced for from Mrs Parkin's reforms. resigning as leader. David Icke will liven up the

A core of diehard Greens, who resent Mrs Parkin for betraying the cause when she said the party had become a liability to green politics, did notice her arrival. They met in private to plot her removal from the party at today's regional council meeting. The Greens are so riven by factions that Mallen Baker, one of Mrs Parkin's harshest critics, also faces moves today to prevent him from standing as one of

Mrs Parkin dismissed her opponents as anarchists who

cant posts on the national GREEKS & MAIN executive. Canvassing is not allowed so they could make only discreet murmurs about

their views.

Derek Wall, 27, a teacher from Bristol, describes himself as a green Marxist. He said he would abolish the post if he won. Mr Wall is opposed by appropriately, a civil servant in the environment department. His schoolmaster tone has done little to endear him to the delegates. The two could be acronym for Reopening of Nominations. Under the party's rules the ballot has to be

Apart from the Parkin side show, delegates yesterday contemplated the recession. John Nicholson, of Arion Green party offered an interesting panacea for the economy's woes. "We have got to get away from the constraints of money. We should do things for free." He advocated a system of bartering as way to

called again if candidates fail

to win enough votes.

Jean Lambert, one of the party's principal speakers, called on the party last night to form pacts with other parties and to field joint candidates.



Voice from the past: Sara Parkin stays well above the fray at the Green party conference yesterday. She faces moves to have her removed from the party

Ashdown seeks to widen his appeal

By Sheila Gunn, political correspondent

PADDY Ashdown told party activists yesterday they had a duty to widen the appeal for Liberal Democrat ideas by reaching to those outside the

As delegates gather this weekend at Harrogate, Yorkshire, for the party's annual conference. Mr Ashdown in-sisted that he remains against formal pacts with other parties but said the party needs to create a wider consensus for Liberal Democrat ideas, such as constitutional reforms.

Although he has provoked the internal debate on the party's way forward, he faces a severe bout of agonising by his supporters at the conference over the failure to make a breakthrough in the general election. Tomorrow's discus-sion on party strategy will indicate the reaction of party activists to his ideas for closer co-operation with other parties without advocating a return to the days of the Lib/Lab pact.

Although the organisers are anxious to prevent the election inquest overshadowing the conference, they recognise that discussion of cross-party links will lead to complaints that fear of Labour drove many potential Liberal Democrat voters into the Tory camp.

In his eve-of-conference message in the Liberal Demo-

crat News Mr Ashdown sought to damp down fears that the fourth Conservative victory has led him to toy with the idea of a formal alliance between non-Tory politicians. He said: "I do not favour national pacts and have never proposed them. We cannot make progress just by adding the votes of different parties. which stand for different things, and expecting them to none was before.

A group dubbed the Hope Valley Eight, led by Simon Hughes, Libebal Democrat MP for Southwark and Bermondsey, published a pamphlet yesterday warning Mr Ashdown that the party has "everything to lose and noth-ing to gain from trying to strike up a formal alliance or pact with any other political party". Mr Hughes told a press conference that the party suffered from the lack of a defining image which struck a chord with voters.

However he supported Mr Ashdown's suggestion of informal talks with Labour and other parties and did not rule out the prospect of a postelectoral deal with a future Labour government

TUC at Blackpool

Pragmatism marks union turning point

By Ross Tieman, industrial correspondent

IN DECEMBER of the year 2,000, when pundits sit down to compile an instant retrospective of the 20th century. September 1992 may come to be seen as a turning point in the history of the Trades Union Congress.

Sitting in a chilly pressroom attached to Blackpool's Winter Gardens as the 124th congress drew to a close yesterday, it was difficult

to be sure. There is no disputing the unions have changed: 13 years of Tory rule, and the mutation of the economy which has accompanied them. have seen to that. But the 1992 con-

gress may be real shift in attitudes. from idealism

to pragmatism, became apparent. Two events during this week's debates seem of special significance. First was the speech on Tuesday by Howard Davies, director general of the Confederation of British Industry, the first by an em-

ployers' spokesman. Mr Davies's decision to attend was brave, but not half as courageous as the decision to ask him. The engineers' union, whose general secretary Gavin Laird first addressed the CBI annual conference six years ago, has long lobbied for a reciprocal

But the engineers are firmly in the pragmatic, right-wing vanguard of congress. Leaders and activists of many public sector unions have been hidebound by the dialectic of class war, and fears of mass protest could not be ignored. Even on

invitation.

the isolation of the miners' leader in a way which the TUC has failed for years to achieve. Within months of the aboli-

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tion of the National Economic Development Office, the only forum in which management and unions met. the TUC has succeeded in opening lines of communication with the CBI.

And, as Mr

ed out, there Scargill: walkout a gift to the TUC industrial Europe where CBI and TUC

share common ground. The second symbolic moment was the approval by Congress on Thursday of general council efforts to negotiate the return of the EETPU electricians' union under the umbrella of the AEEU.

This ends a four-year rift with the electricians, and removes the danger that the new million-member engineering and electrical union might break away from the TUC.

The realism of the 1992 congress is a far cry from the rows of 1991, when Japanese work practices were pro-nounced "alien".

Labour's defeat, mounting deficit, and the emergence of the first new super-union have forced the TUC to re-define its role. Pragmatism, self discithe extreme left, are refreshing signs of a new mood.

Plea to protect BBC

terday called for government measures to protect the scope and integrity of the BBC's work (Ross Tieman writes).

The appeal comes amid mounting public debate about the future direction of the BBC, precipitated by an internal reorganisation intended to make the corporation more market-oriented. The corpora-

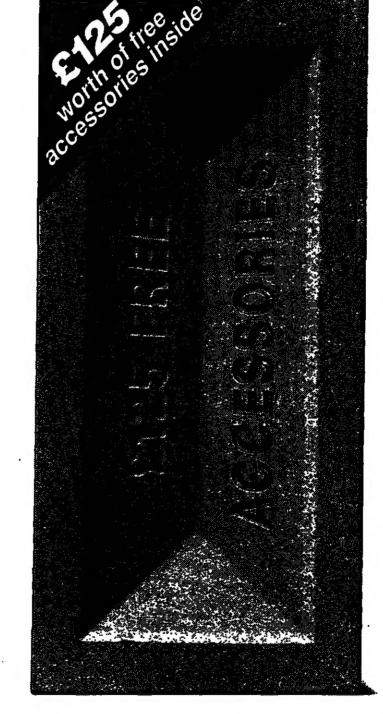
LEADING media unions yes- tion's charter is scheduled for renewal in 1996.

A motion before Congress submitted by the Broadcasting, Entertainment, Cinemat ograph and Theatre Union. urged a campaign to ensure that the BBC remains Britain's principal broadcaster and producer of programmes both for viewing in Britain



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Mr Davies got up to speak. In the event, delegates behaved with good grace. The walkout by Arthur Scargill, the miners' leader, and 40 other protesters was a gift for the TUC leader-was a gift for the TUC leader-was





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Pressure to devalue currency grows as speculators batter lira

FROM JOHN PHILLIPS IN ROME

SPECULATION that the Bank of Italy was about to raise the discount rate sent the lira shuddering yesterday dur-ing another Venerdi Nero (Black Friday) for the battered currency as traders scented devaluation may be inevitable even before the French referendum on European union.

The central bank denied the rumours that the lira had slumped below its floor in the exchange-rate mechanism. in currency turmoil, in spite of heavy intervention by the Bank of Italy, the Bundesbank and the Belgium central bank. The Bank of Italy alone sold 500 million Belgian francs and 870 million German

marks on the Italian markets.
The president of the employers' federation, Luigi Abete, urged Giuliano Amato. the prime minister, to make big cuts in public spending in the 1993 budget, which is to be presented to parliament by the end of this month. Signor Abete called on Signor Amato

his request for emergency powers to make economic decisions without parliamen-

tary approval.
The Italian treasury is pinning its hopes on the concerted central bank intervention that was promised at the recent meeting in Bath of European finance ministers and central bankers. The Bank of Italy economists still have a number of possible manoeuvres in reserve but the extent of speculation has left the lira on the ropes.

The newspaper La Stampa said this week that, sooner or later, devaluation would be inevitable. But the central bank is determined to tough

things out at least until the budget for 1993 is passed. Carlo Azeglio Ciampi, the governor of the central bank. believes devaluation would only give the economy a brief ary, probably forcing a further discount rate increase and this would in turn jack up the cost of servicing the highest levels of public debt in Europe.

Brittan soft-pedals warnings on 'no' vote

By Michael Binyon, diplomatic correspondent

set by a "no" vote in the French referendum on Maastricht, but should immediately redouble efforts to implement European Community plans that did not depend on the Maastricht treaty, Sir Leon Brittan, the senior British commissioner, said yesterday.

He said that it would be completely unrealistic to reconstruct a substitute treaty. A French "no" would kill Maastricht, would cause a "tremendous shock" to the EC, and not until the dust had settled could Europe deal with the issues again. But much else could go forward: the completion of the single market, negotiating a successful Gatt world trade agreement, inter-governmen-

largement of the Community. Sir Leon said John Major would feel entitled to feel disappointment if Maastricht collapsed. "It would be unrealistic to go this far and then shrug your shoulders and say it was business as usual." It was essential that the momenturn of the EC was not brought to a halt. He said that even if

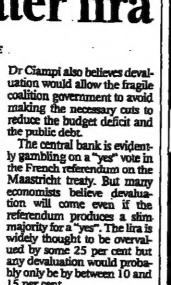
THE British government France approved Maastricht, would be understandably upthe government was right not to bring its own ratification bill before parliament before it was clear that Denmark was

ready to reconsider its view.

Sir Leon, who met Poul
Schlüter, the Danish prime minister, on Thursday, said there was little need for any renegotiation of the treaty. What Danish voters wanted was a clear explanation of the implications of the treaty, policy statements and reassurances that the treaty did not include binding provisions in areas such as defence.

Sir Leon said the commission had no collective view on the French referendum, and he said it would be unwise for Brussels to try to intervene to sway the vote. His tone, sugnot be panicked by a "no" vote, is a change from earlier warnings by the commission, which was predicting turmoil in the Community should Maastricht collapse. Sir Leon appeared to think that such talk was counter-productive.

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15 per cent. Some industrialists badly hit by last week's increase in interest rates believe the government should grasp the nettle of devaluation before

the public debt.

They are on a knife edge here," one Rome-based ecoage of measures announced by Signor American by Signor Amato on Wednes-day was intended as a signal to the markets of good intentions but it went wrong when parlia-ment expressed deep reluc-tance to grant Signor Amato emergency economic powers for three years. The fact that Dr Ciampi had plainly been unaware that Signor Amato was to propose emergency powers heightened the impression of disarray in the

The Bank of Italy is depleting its reserves at a high rate but the central bank had unusually high quantities of reserves a year ago in anticipation of the crunch. If concerted central bank intervention does not work, a discount rate hike once again cannot be exclud-

Italy also has the option of following in the footsteps of Britain and Sweden in borrowing marks to bolster its war chest of reserves but this would only increase public debt.

Commentators such as Giuglielmo Negri of Il Messagero newspaper urged the government to use the existing system of decree laws, which parliament has to approve within 60 days, to introduce drastic spending cuts immediately. But Signor Negri added: "If the government has got its sums wrong, the consequences will be of incalculable gravity." Mario Noera, an economist with an Milan merchant bank said: "The government has been caught out by the speed of

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Paris appeals to women for 'yes' vote

a meeting in Cahors yesterday as part of the government's campaign for a "yes" vote in the Maastricht referendum.

Pro-European campaigners appealed vesterday to women voters to back the treaty, saying that the European Community had been instrumental in securing their rights. This is a historic

Simone Veil, the former European parliament president, told the first summit of EC National Women's Councils which was arranged hastily to prepare for tomorrow week's

Mme Veil, a survivor of the Auschwitz death camps and one of France's most influential politicians, appealed to

Campaign plea: Elisabeth moment for the EC to which women to back Maastricht Guigou, French minister for . women owe so much, even if . for the sake of peace. Evoking France, she said it was sometimes difficult to recall whether they had been victories or defeats, but everyone knew they had been the grave of countless French, Britons and Germans. She said that peace now looked assured, but rejection of Maastricht would launch Europe on an uncertain path. (Reuter)

Kohl in party mood despite week of woes

BY IAN MURRAY

INVITATIONS to Helmut Herr Schäuble Kohl's tenth anniversary party as chancellor dropped through the letter-boxes of the great and the good in Germany yesterday.

The invitations are a measure of Herr Kohl's supreme confidence, but they were posted at a time when even the most loyal conservative newspapers were questioning his ability to stay in power and Wolfgang Schäuble, his own favourite to succeed him. was caught plotting to depose him.
It is also a measure of the chancellor's control of his Christian Democratic Union (CDU) that Herr Schäuhle has agreed to make the main congratulatory speech at the October 1 anniversary party.

Herr Kohl may have been in deep trouble this week both with the public — he is well down in the opinion polls — and his own party, but nobody who saw him dominate the Bundestag on Wednesday can question his determination to retain power until at least the 1994 general election.

Herr Kohl has discovered that there are more problems in uniting Germany than he bargained for — and admits it. He promised a "flourishing landscape" in the east by the next election, but now says this goal may be unattainable before the year 2000; he promised not to raise taxes to pay for unification but did and now must find more money without alienating voters.

problems that Herr Schäuble began to conspire against the chancellor. As floor leader of the CDU in the Bundestag, he keeps in close touch with the party's grassroots. His soundings have shown that the 67 CDU members from the East are increasingly unhappy with the slow progress to prosperity. They have formed their own block and are a powerful united voice within the parliamentary party. Herr Schäuble decided that

more money had to be raised to keep them happy and strongly backed the idea of a compulsory interest-free loan from taxpayers. Since the chancellor was less than enthusiastic, Herr Schäuble initiated discussions with Hans-Ulrich: Klose, the opposition grand coalition with Herr Schäuble ready to stand as

chancellor spread rapidly. Last Sunday, at a meeting of CDU Bundestag members, the chancellor out-faced the rebels. He wained them that they were in danger of sharing the fate of all those who have crossed him by being exiled to the party's remote fringes. climbed down and now has a doud over his head which will probably stay as long as Herr Kohl remains in office.

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That could, however, be for only another two years. The chancellor's failure to head off and condemn growing violent nationalism, and his inability to stem the influx of foreigners that is provoking it, is playing directly into the far right's hands. With 880,000 asylum seekers now living off the taxpayer in Germany, polis show that the radical right Republican party is consistently scoring well above the 5 per cent needed for parliamentary representation. The likelihood is growing, therefore, that the extremists will hold the bal-ance of power after the next election. The only way to avoid; bringing them into government then will be to form a grand coalition.

Herr Schäuble stands more chance than Herr Kohl of leading such a coalition. Like that of Baroness Thatcher before him, the chancellor's power is in danger of ebbing away just as he seems to have become a permanent fixture.

Two Mafia bosses arrested

FROM ASSOCIATED PRESS IN NAPLES

ITALIAN paramilitary police raided a villa in Naples before dawn yesterday and captured Carmine Alfieri, described as the long sought leader of the Camorra, the Naples-based Mafia. In Rome, police arrest-ed a convicted Sicilian Mafia

boss sought for two years. The arrests bring to four the number of gangland fugitives picked up this week, a sign that the state was intensifying its battle against the Mafia.

Officials said that Signor Alfieri, 48, missing for 11 years, was found in an underground concrete chamber when carabinieri burst into the villa. Two bodyguards were also arrested. Signor charges, including one having organised an attack on a rive gang in 1984 in which eight

people were killed. In Rome, the police arrested Francesco Cannizzano, 55, described as a Malia power in Catania, Sicily. He was sentenced to ten years in prison on charges of drug trafficking and criminal association.

Mitterrand undergoes surgery

FROM SEAN MAC CARTHAIGH

PRESIDENT Mitterrand was said to be in a satisfactory condition last night after a routine operation for a prostate complaint at the Hopital Cochin in Paris. News of his hospitalisation

on Thursday evening was released only after the operation had been performed. French television assured viewers that M Mitterrand, who will be 76 next month, underwent the same treatment as \$0,000 other Frenchmen every year. Experts informed the public that the operation takes be-tween 30 and 60 minutes and would only have required a local anaesthetic. Other doctors discussed the

possiblity that a malignant tumour, if found, could reduce the president's sex drive. A benign tumour would leave his desire undiminished, but may prevent him from father-





Brotherly care: President Mitterrand in a photograph taken earlier this year and, right, his brother, Robert, leaving hospital after visiting him yesterday

ing any more children. In his years as president, M Mitterrand had never had an operation until yesterday. As the president every six part of a commitment he gave

in his election campaign back in 1981, the Elysée Palace releases a medical report on

PARIS NOTEBOOK by Charles Bremner

Helicopter becomes vogue mode for great escape

E ven for a country with a tradition of dashing jail escapes, the past few weeks must be a record. Four times since late July and twice this week, helicopters have been commandeered to scoop French prisoners to freedom, or, as in the latest case, their

The vogue for airborne breakouts began in 1986 when the girl friend of Mi-chel Vaujour, an armed robber, took a flying course and then picked him up from the roof of the Santé prison in central Paris. The exploit was copied several times in the ensuing years, sometimes ending badly. In an episode of black comedy in 1990, a Paris gangster was being hoisted skyward when another prisoner climbed up

the same rope. After a fight, the gangster fell to his death.

All of this summer's incidents have followed the same script. A "photographer" books a helicopter for a picture-taking flight. His camera turns out to be a gun.

On July 25. five prisoners from the notorious Gardaine gang caught a flight out of the Baumettes jail in Mar-scilles. Three are still at large. On August 2, Ahmed Otmane, the leader of the same gang, was snatched out of a Dutch prison. On Monday, the inmates of Ploemeur prison in Brittany clapped as a helicopter freed a robber.

A day later, the high sec-urity prison at Saint-Maur, southwest of Paris, was the scene of a wild helicopter gun hattle. Jean-Michel Beth-



mont commandeered a Bell jet helicopter from Blois, on the Loire, to spring his brother Christian, who was serving a 15-year term for an escape attempt. Hovering overhead, he dropped a bag of guns to other exercising prisoners

and a rope for his brother to climb. Guards shot Bethmont dead as he dangled from the rope and wounded an innocent passenger and the pilot, who landed beside the prison. Jean-Michel Bethmont was arrested. In all previous cases guards had held their fire for fear of wounding hostages and causing the belicopters

esterday, the government Y ordered helicopter companies to check passengers' identities and search bag-gage and intensified their identities and search ogramme of anti-helicopter defences. But the prison guards' union, which has been protesting over poor security, said the measures

union wants to see steel nets over all open areas.

France this week mourned the demise of the Renault 4. It was one of those special cars which, like the Citroen 2CV, the VW Beetle and the Mini had come to stand for an era.

Launched in 1961, the "Quatre L", as the boxy little Renault is always called, may not have been as eccentric or as maddening as the Deux Chevanor, that tin shed on wheels, but for minimal motoring it was more widely embraced. Dubbed the "crupaud triste" (sad toad) when it was born, the unchic R4 worked its way into the affections of the young, district nurses, working class families, firemen and the

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Envoys complain to Milosevic of airport shooting

By Tim Judah and Dessa Trevisan in belgrade AND OUR FOREIGN STAFF

LORD Owen and Cyrus Vance, respectively the European Community and United Nations peace envoys, had talks in Belgrade yesterday after a late-night flight from Sarajevo. They left the Bosnian capital as the official toll of Bosnian war dead since April rose above 10,000. Another 53,200 people are listed as missing, many of them presumed also to be dead.

Before starting talks with Slobodan Milosevic, the Serbian president, Mr Vance told him that just before he and Lord Owen left Sarajevo "they started shooting arross the airport again ... We had to get it stopped specially before we could fly out." In reply Mr Milosevic asked him if he had seen the latest 1 Di categories. seen the latest UN statement blaming Bosnian forces for the last four incidents in the Bosnian capital. The two

peace envoys had earlier met Milan Panic, the prime minister of the rump Yugoslavia and senior military officials.

On Thursday Vladislav
Jovanovic, the Yugoslav foreign minister, resigned because, he said, Mr Panic was working against the interests of the Serbian people. But he turned up again yesterday at Mr Milosevic's side, having reclaimed his old job as Ser-bia's foreign minister. His reemergence emphasises the bitterness of the Belgrade power struggle and demon-strates that Mr Milosevic intends leaving no doubt about

where the real power lies. in the wake of Mr Jovanovic's resignation, Mr Panic named five new ministers. Ilija Djukic, ambassador to China, was appointed to take over as foreign minister and Dragan Jovanovic, head

of Serbia's public auditing service, was brought in as finance minister, filling a post which had been vacant since Mr Panic became prime minister in July.

Also on Thursday, eight people were killed when a civilian bus travelling from Belgrade towards Pale, close to Sarajevo, was antacked, a Bosnian official said yestrday. He said the bus was ambushed by Muslim irregulars. But Stjepan Siber, a spokesman for the Bosnian military, blamed the attack on Serbian militia who, he said, were wearing royalist insignia.

After meeting Mr Milosevic. Lord Owen said the time for war had long since passed, adding that Mr Milosevic was "crucial" to any peace negotiations. Mr Vance said the problems ahead were "im-mense". Mr Milosevic, howev-er, sounded optimistic, saying that the London conference had signalled that the world no longer exclusively blamed Serbia for the war in former Yugoslavia. "This leads us to hope that the crisis will be solved much faster than we sufficiented." he said anticipated." he said.

Tanjug, the Belgrade news agency, reported from Washington that the administration there was about to "tighten the noose around Yugoslavia". Citing a State Department source, the report said that if the sanctions against Serbia were properly enforced "the Serbian people will rise up against President Milosevic. The report was given some credence when Nato agreed to offer more surveillance aircraft to the UN to aid its operations in former Yugoslavia. Three of the planes are already in

A court at Karlovac in Croatia has acquitted a policeman on charges of shooting down 13 Serb prisoners of war on a frontline bridge as war raged last year in the former Yugoslav republic, officials said yesterday. County court president

Davor Rukavina said he had released Mihajlo Hrastov, a member of Croatia's special police units, for lack of sufficient evidence.





Fire and water: a man in Sarajevo yesterday carries home a box of firewood, left, in preparation for the coming severe weather and, right, people queue for scarce water supplies. The city is desperately short of energy for central heating and water pumping

Serb businessmen find a bolt-hole in Cyprus

FROM MICHAEL THEODOULOU IN NICOSIA

CYPRUS, once a base for Lebanese businessmen flee-ing their country's collapse, has become a key centre for Serbian companies escaping the civil war, raising Western suspicions that some are breaking sanctions and laun-

dering money.
Nearly 300 Serbian offshore companies were established in the first six months of this year, more than doubling the previous number. About 3,000 Yugoslavs, mainly Serbs, now live in Cyprus. Most are in Limassol, where many have bought seaside homes and where a Yugoslav restaurant recently opened.

They were drawn by the business there.

bishop Makarios, the former leaders of the two countries, to bolt to if the regime collapses. They also believe that Slobodan Milosevic. the were founding members of the Non-Aligned Movement. president of Serbia and a former banker with friends in Cyprus, will move to the

A number of the recently established companies are owned by young individuals escaping the civil war. "I didn't want to fight in Milosevic's crazy war," said a island if he is ousted. The flood of Serbian companies into Cyprus has boosted the island as it strives to Serb financial consultant. Many arrived at Cypriot ports with a bag of hard currency take advantage of its geo-

and their young families. The concentration and vitality of the Serbian business community has alerted the at-tention of Western governments. Douglas Hurd, the foreign secretary, publicly singled out Cyprus as one of the centres that had to be watched to ensure that "financial assets" were not "illegally transferred" back into Serbia. A Western official said: "We have evidence that some of these companies are sanctions-busting but we can't prove it to satisfaction. It's hard providing the sort of detail to give to the Cypriots

Serb dissidents in Belgrade and Nicosia claim that Serbian government officials have siphoned off money into accounts in Cyprus and bought seaside homes on the island

so they can take action."

East and Eastern Europe. The drawback is the companies have raised Western suspicions. Cyprus was "obeying the letter of the law on sanctions as much as other offshore and European centres", one Western official

graphical position to promote itself as an offshore business

centre for both the Middle

said, but added that given the 'vitality and the concentration of the Serbian business community it could do more". The total amount of Serbian money moved to Cyprus since the war broke out last year was about \$500 million, said one Western official, a figure

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Yeltsin warns Russia of economic abyss FROM ANNE McElvoy in moscow

PRESIDENT Yeltsin warned recalcitrant regional officials yesterday that their reluctance to implement reforms was pushing Russia into an economic abyss. He said hyperinflation posed a serious threat and cheap credit and over-generous subsidies were dogging the transition to a market economy.

Mr Yeltsin's remarks were made at a meeting of local leaders in Cheboksary. He said the reforms launched at national level must now be carried out locally and warned his audience against believing they could continue to live "on an island of socialism ... planning prices and rationing food". He admitted, however, that the process of reform was

proving difficult and painful. Mr Yeltsin's words were also intended for the ears of the new acting head of the central bank. Viktor Gerashchenko, who has begun issuing loans to state enterprises to cover their debts. Mr Gerashchenko, a former head of the Soviet central bank, is a conservative intent on staving off industrial closures. He does not share Mr Yeltsin's enthusiasm for securing convertibility of the rouble as soon as possible. The government had aimed at achieving that goal by the end of the year but now admits that it is unlikely before next spring.

The statements are Mr Yeltsin's reply to his internal critics who claim that reforms have been weakened under pressure from the industrial and agricultural lobbies. ● Japan blamed: Mr Yeltsin

yesterday blamed Japan for the postponement of his visit to Tokyo and said he had no intention of simply giving away the Kurlle islands, which were seized by the Soviet Union at the end of the second world war. Japan has made large-scale aid conditional on their return. (Reuter)

We can't think

can think of two.

same attractions that has made Cyprus a regional financial base - low tax rates, a highly-educated local work force and excellent telecomnunications. And they were propelled by the collapse of the banking system at home and the inability to do any

The Greek Cypriots, like the Serbs, are Orthodox Christians, and Cyprus has strong historical links with Yugoslavia. Marshall Tito and Arch-

Nabiyev

STEP STREET

'quit at gunpoint'

Khadzhen: Rakhmon Nabi-yev, the former president of Tajikistan, declared yesterday that his resignation this week was forced from him at gunpoint, and he alleged that the former Soviet republic was now under the influence of Islamic militants.

Mr Nabiyev, speaking pub-licly for the first time since he resigned on Monday and took refuge in his northern strong-hold, the Leninabad region, said he still hoped he could be restored to power. But he discounted suggestions that he could use Leninabad as a base for a campaign against the republic's new leadership.

"It was purely and simply a coup," Mr Nabiyev said. "I had no choice but to sign the resignation statement they gave me. If I hadn't, dozens would have died." (Reuter)

Polio halted

Atlanta: For the first time no cases of polio have been reported in the Americas for more than a year, the Pan-American Health Organisation said. Medical experts plan to ask an international governing body to issue a certificate announcing that the disease has been eliminated from the western hemisphere. where the last known case was on August 23, 1991, in Peru. (Reuter)

Polls threat

Pailin: The Khmer Rouge will boycott UN-supervised elections in Cambodia next May unless the United Nations responds to its demands, a senior guerrilla leader said. "We will not participate in the up-coming elections unless our demands are met," said Lieu-tenant General Ie Csien, a regional commander in western Cambodia. (Reuter)

Spot the error

Delhi: Twenty-five years of tree planting to camouflage Indian bases has backfired. With surrounding areas becoming denuded of forest, the bases now stand out, and the military has asked permission to chop down the trees. (AFP)

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President risks losing Jewish votes

Bush approves sale

of F15 jets to Saudis

FROM JAMIE DETTMER IN WASHINGTON

month that President Bush

has given his approval for a

foreign arms deal. Last week,

he announced in Texas that he

was lifting a decade-long ban

on military sales to Taiwan.

To the anger of the Chinese

government, he gave the go-ahead for Taiwan to buy 150 F16 fighters, thereby boosting job prospects in the Fort Worth area of Texas.

Although acknowledging that the Saudi deal, worth \$6

billion (£3 billion), would save

7,000 jobs in McDonnell

Douglas's St Louis plant in

Missouri and could benefit up

to 200,000 defence workers at

parts makers in Georgia, Flor-ida. Connecticut and Califor-

nia. Bush administration

officials denied that the sale

had been dictated by electoral

considerations. They insisted

that the sale would not endan-

ger Israel because Saudi Ara-bia had no intention of

the scourge of conflicts and

At issue were six segments along the 160-mile border

between the two nations, as well as the islands of

Meanguera and Meanguerita

in the Gulf of Fonseca, and the

gulf itself. Thousands died in a 1969 border war and the two

nations decided to bring the

dispute to the court, formally

known as the International

The border dispute dates

from the mid-1800s after both

nations gained their indepen-

dence. The ruling gave Hon-

duras full control of the

disputed segment at the delta

of the Gascoran river and

nearly full control of two other

segments; the remaining three

segments were apportioned

between the two nations. Hon-

duras. El Salvador and Nica-

ragua will jointly own the Gulf

Court of Justice, in 1986.

attacking the Jewish state. Last week, Richard Cheney.

Honduras gains land

in border dispute

FROM ASSOCIATED PRESS IN THE HAGUE

Spirits

soar on

Gore's

airbus

Martin Fletcher,

on Al Gore's

campaign plane,

finds the

candidate in

informal mood

1 Gore's chartered 727

had just taken off from

Raleigh airport in North Car-

bound after five days on the

stump, and in carefree mood.

The man who aspires to be

America's next Democratic

"surfed" down the aisle of the steeply-climbing plane as aides, reporters and secret

For several weeks the plane

The cabin is festooned with bunting and balloons, and the baggage compariments are covered with stickers, cards.

photographs, cartoons, news-papers clippings, beads and

charms — mementoes from

Cases are not stowed away.

empty seats are interest with old meals, which go flying at every landing, joining old newspapers, broken cups and the odd life-jacket under the seat in front. The PA system

M r Gore sits at the front, next to a little com-

munications centre where he

can speak to Mr Clinton's

plane and receive faxes from

plays pop music.

service agents cheered.

PRESIDENT Bush

nounced yesterday on the

campaign trail in Missouri

that he will allow the sale of 72

F15 fighters to Saudi Arabia.

despite the disapproval of the

Israeli government which

fears that the move could tilt

the military balance in the

The announcement came as

the president sought to sell in

key states in the American

Mid-West the repackaged eco-

nomic renewal programme he

outlined in Detroit on Thurs-

day. American Jewish organ-

isations quickly responded to

his decision on the F15s and

accused Mr Bush of unsubtle electioneering and of subvert-

ing foreign policy for crude domestic political ends. They

more interested in gaining the

support of voters in Missouri, where McDonnell Douglas

manufactures the F15s, than

in ensuring military stability

THE world court yesterday

settled a longstanding Central American border dispute be-

tween El Salvador and Hon-

duras, giving Honduras roughly two-thirds of the dis-

puted territory but ruling that

it must share the Bay of Fonseca with Nicaragua.

The case was the most

complicated ever handled by

the court, judicial arm of the

United Nations, José Sette-Camara, of Brazil, the presid-

ing judge, said during the

three-hour long reading of the

ruling. He said the settlement

was intended to "bring an end

to one of the longest and most

complex controversies among

Latin American states". He

added: "With goodwill, it is

contribution to bring peace.

understanding and progress to a region of the American

continent and to its people victimised by suffering due to

in the Middle East.

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the campaign's Arkansas headquarters. So formal and proper in public, the candidate often wanders back in his shirt-sleeves to banter with reporters. There was the time he bought a \$60-jacket for his

wife during an appearance in a Louisiana shopping centre and forgot to pay for it. There cian's favourite joke a man stranded in the Rockies kills Given the circumstances, the judge acquits him of killing a protected animal. Later, the judge asks the man what a condor tastes like and is told: owl and a bald eagle."

Even the secret service agents, those dark-suited automatons hidden behind regulation sunglasses, turn out to be human. They strip off their jackets and wander amiably around the cabin, their muscular frames covered in all the paraphernalia of their trade revolvers in armpit holsters. spare cartridges, wires run-ning up their backs from radio transmitters to tiny earpieces, and strong leather braces to keep it all in place.

"Hey Tracy," an agent shouts to a reporter as the flying caravan lands in Kentucky. "Get me on TV today!"



Party act: Al Gore dancing recently with his wife Tipper. In banter on his plane he is often reminded of the time he bought her a jacket during a campaign visit to a Louisiana shopping centre — and forgot to pay for it

Jilted lover wants his worldly goods back

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN NEW YORK

DAISY. Daisy, give me your answer do is all very well, but when she does she'd better

said they were withholding have a lawyer on hand. Divorce has always been an comment on the F15 sale until they have the text of President expensive business in Ameri-Bush's announcement (Ben ca, but a whole new field of Lynfield writes). Fresh from gaining approval for \$10 billucrative litigation has been opened up by a Chicago lion in loan guarantees for lawyer who has unearthed an old state law and taken his Soviet Jewish immigrants, the Rabin government has been former fiancée to court for ending their engagement. Last month, Frank Zaffere III conspicuously reticent about denouncing the planned sale. •

sued Maria Dillon, his former fiancée, for breach of promise after she broke off their

Mr Zaffere says he spent \$40,310.48 (about £20,000) courting Ms Dillon, a waitress in an Italian restaurant, and now he wants his money back. In the course of wooing Ms Dillon, 21, Mr Zaffere, 44. says he bought her a typewriter, a diamond ring, a fur coat, champagne, tickets to Phan-

Rodney King in Los Angeles, is suing the film director Spike Lee, seeking to stop him using the footage in his forthcoming

The federal copyright in-fringement action also names

Warner Bros and its parent.

Time Warner, producers of

the £17.5 million film. It seeks

a public statement from Mr Lee that he had no right to use

the homemade videotape. The opening title sequence of Mal-colm X, about the militant black leader, uses footage of

the King beating.

The suit alleges that Mr Lee bought the tape from an agent who had been fired by Mr Holliday and no longer had the authority to negotiate rights it.

The Vatican said the Pope will hold his first official appoint-

ment, since undergoing sur-

gery in July, when he meets the visiting Romanian presi-

dent, Ion Iliescu, at the papal

summer residence of Castel-

gandolfo south of Rome, next

Nathan Cook, 106, the oldest

known American war veteran, has died in Arizona. He lied about his age when he was 15

to join the navy in 1901 and spent 44 years in the service, seeing action in China, the Philippines and both the world wars.

The Romanian bishop, Laszlo

Tokes, 40, has called off a

hunger strike that had caused controversy during Romania's election campaign, saying that

he wished "to contribute to a

peaceful climate during the run-up to the general elec-tion", due later this month.

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The former Soviet president,

Mikhail Gorbachev, will start

a one-week visit to Germany

on September 15, during

which he will meet the chan-cellor, Helmut Kohl.

film Malcolm X.

tom of the Opera and many romantic (and expensive) dinners. He says his claim may rise when his latest credit-card bills arrive. He is also suing for the return of a red jumper, a Parsy Cline cassette and an

Nevertheless he says he is still prepared to marry Ms Dillon, subject to certain provisions. He set out his terms

also plans to become a lawyer. Among the conditions is that she should promise eternal faithfulness and truthfulness. Ms Dillori says her former suitor tended to lapse into legal jargon even at the most romantic moments in their

courtship. Under a 1947 statute in the state of Illinois, the recently dis-engaged can sue for financial losses, but not for emotion-

Wary Falklanders ready to meet Argentinians

By Michael Evans, defence correspondent

due to meet representatives of the Falkland Islands government in Cambridge next week, for the first time since the conflict in 1982, will face an uncompromising warning from the islanders.

"Unless Argentina recognises our right to determine our own future and drops its sovereignty claim, there cannot be a relationship between Buenos Aires and the Falklands," said Terry Peck, one of two members of the legislative council attending the meeting, after arriving in London. "It has been claimed that we want relations between London and Buenos Aires to be bad. That

AN ARGENTINE delegation is not true. All we want is to be able to decide for ourselves what is best for us, not what they think is best for us."

The meeting will take place at St Catharine's College, Cambridge, at an Argentine-British conference, attended by MPs, academics and busi-nessmen. Mr Peck, a former chief of police in the Falk-lands, will be accompanied by Norma Edwards, the only woman member of the legislative council, and Sukey Cameron, the Falklands representative in London. The Argentine delegation is believed to consist of three senators and a former ambassador to the United States.

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tough stance on Israeli settle-

ments in the occupied West

Jewish vote totally if as a result he secures the backing of

The Israeli government has been prepared for the an-

Yitzhak Rabin, the prime minister, told a seminar in Jerusa-

lem that he was convinced the

and still strongly objected to the sale, but he indicated that

his cabinet would not mount a

full-scale lobbying effort to try to defeat the deal in Congress.

Western diplomats in Washington said yesterday that they believed the Saudis

may have made their support

for the recent imposition of the

allied "no-fly zone" in south-

ern Iraq conditional on the

• Jerusalem: Israeli officials

F15 sale going ahead.

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South Africa accuses ANC wing of plotting to kill Ciskei leader

FROM MICHAEL HAMLYN IN JOHANNESBURG

UMKHONTO we Sizwe, the armed wing of the African National Congress, was acassassinate Brigadier Joshua "Oupa" Gqozo, the military dictator of Ciskei homeland. where 28 ANC supporters were killed this week.

Lieutenant General George Meiring, chief of the South African army, said in a state-ment released in Pretoria: There is information that MK [the organisation's usual abbreviation] intends assassi-Brigadier 'Oupa' Gozo. This can hardly be construed as adhering to the requirements for peaceful

He added that his information indicated that weapons, including small arms and a 122mm rocket launcher, and Ciskei police and military uniforms were being stockpiled. His allegations were described immediately as "absolute nonsense" by Siphiwe Nyanda, the Umkhonto chief

The timing of the general's statement may not help the President de Klerk and Nelson Mandela, the ANC presi-dent, but could put the black liberation movement on the defensive during the run-up to the talks. While there was a organisation's decision to accept Mr de Klerk's invitation to discuss the continuing violence in South Africa, the first signs of possible difficulties are

beginning to emerge.
Giving the ANC's response to Mr de Klerk's invitation. Cyril Ramaphosa, the organisation's secretary-general, made clear that acceptance was still conditional on steps being taken to satisfy ANC demands on three issues: the mainly Zulu worker hostels. the carrying of weapons in public, again mainly by Zulus, and the release of political

prisoners.
Although those conditions could be met easily by the government, Mr de Klerk, welcoming that he would not countenance pre-conditions. "The additional questions in the ANC's statement can also be placed on the agenda of the meeting," he said in a state-ment. "What is now of critical importance, and what our country and its people de-mand of us, is that we should meet as urgently as possible," the statement added.

Mr Ramaphosa and Roelf Meyer, the constitutional development minister, whose meetings have recently provid-

meet again at the weekend to try to settle a date for the Yesterday. Ciskei again pro-

vided an illustration of the urgency attending the pro-posed meeting. The ANC reported that one of its mem-bers, Phakamise Phike, 22, was picked up by Ciskei sol-diers and taken to a local headman's house where he was beaten and left to die. Ciskei claims that three headmen have been killed since Monday and that the homes of 24 members of the Ciskei Another 32 houses or govern-ment buildings had been fire-

the Indian crew of the Singapore-owned Maritime Pride, a vegetable-oil tanker, were asphysiated in one of the vessel's tanks about 450 miles off the South African west coast yesterday. The ship's agents said it was bound for South America. (AFP)



Wasting away: children, too weak to move, sitting at a feeding centre in Baidoa, southwest of Mogadishu. Today Canada plans to airlift food to the Somali capital, while the US is to fly relief into Hoddur. The UN, however, has postponed relief flights until ground operations to distribute food and aid are better organised

Floods in **Pakistan** kill 500

FROM ZAHID HUSSAIN IN INLAMABAD

MORE than 500 people have been killed and hundreds of villages washed away as torrential rain and floods swept the northern Pakistan provinces of Punjab. North West Frontier and Azad (Free) Kashmir.

Most of the victims were killed in landslides or drowned in rivers which burst its banks and swept away bridges and roads. Officials fear that the death toll might rise to more than 1,000 as some of the affected areas are cut off. It has been impossible to undertake relief work,

An emergency has been declared in the affected areas and the army has been called out to mount a rescue service, Train and air services were badly disrupted as heavy rain and mud washed away railway tracks and closed down airports. Air traffic at Islamabad and Lahore airports were also disrupted. The La-hore-Islamabad highway is

Azad Kashmir was the worst affected area with more than 100 people killed by landslides and flash floods.

Thais cast spells to check poll fraud

FROM NEIL KELLY IN BANGKOK

POLITICAL forces labelled 'satanic" are pitted against the "angels" in tomorrow's Thai general elections which offers voters a clear choice between a democratic system and another round of traditional politics characterised by corruption and military coups.

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Presented as "devils" are politicians who supported the pro-democracy demonstrations in Bangkok last May; the "angels" are the political parties that led the uprising and forced the military-dominated government out of office.

As the election campaign that has seen the most strenuous efforts ever in Thailand to stop vote buying and other malpractices came to an end, the government-appointed poll-watch committee hired witch doctors to invoke benign spirits to stop electoral fraud. The committee said: "Superstition is needed to fight satanic influences." The witch



Chatichai: target of witch doctors

mony in the constituency of General Chatichai Choonhavan, a former prime minister, who with other ministers was accused of corruption while in office. The army cited their corruption as justification for the coup last year. Reciting magic words, the witch doctors cast spells on pieces of animal hide and iron nails around the houses of suspects. The committee said the items would creep into the bodies of corrupt politicians.

More than 60,000 volunteers have been on the lookout for attempts to manipulate the election. Tomorrow they will man polling booths to stop fraudulent voting.

A campaign led by stars of

showbusiness and sport re-minded the public that they owed it to the army's victims to vote for decent candidates who believed in democracy. The medical profession, which suffered many casualties during the bloodshed, conducted its own campaign. Hospitals and clinics dispensing prescriptions also have been issuing leaflets to patients urging them to vote.

A promise to curb Thailand's notorious flesh trade came from one of the frontrunners for next prime minister, Chamlong Srimuang, a retired general who led the May uprising. A devout Bud-dhist, he is renowned for his austere lifestyle. His main opponent is General Chatichai whose party is identified with the military.

Arab women turn heads with veiled fashions

FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN CAIRO

DESPITE Egypt's economic gloom, one business is thriving — Islamic wom-en's fashions are in great demand as a tide of Muslim fundamentalism sweeps the Arab world.

With the number of women wearing the veil annually doubling in Egypt, the muhagabat (veiled ones) are displaying the same enthusiasm for the new modest fashions as they did previously for time preserving her beauty and femininity purely for her husband," it advised trendy imports of Western

For most of the muhagabat, including even showbusiness stars who have renounced their careers, being veiled does not mean was nearly empty; on the spurning fashion. Islamic other, scores of veiled designer shops selling clothes that combine long sleeves and ankle-length hems with bright colours and modern fabrics have

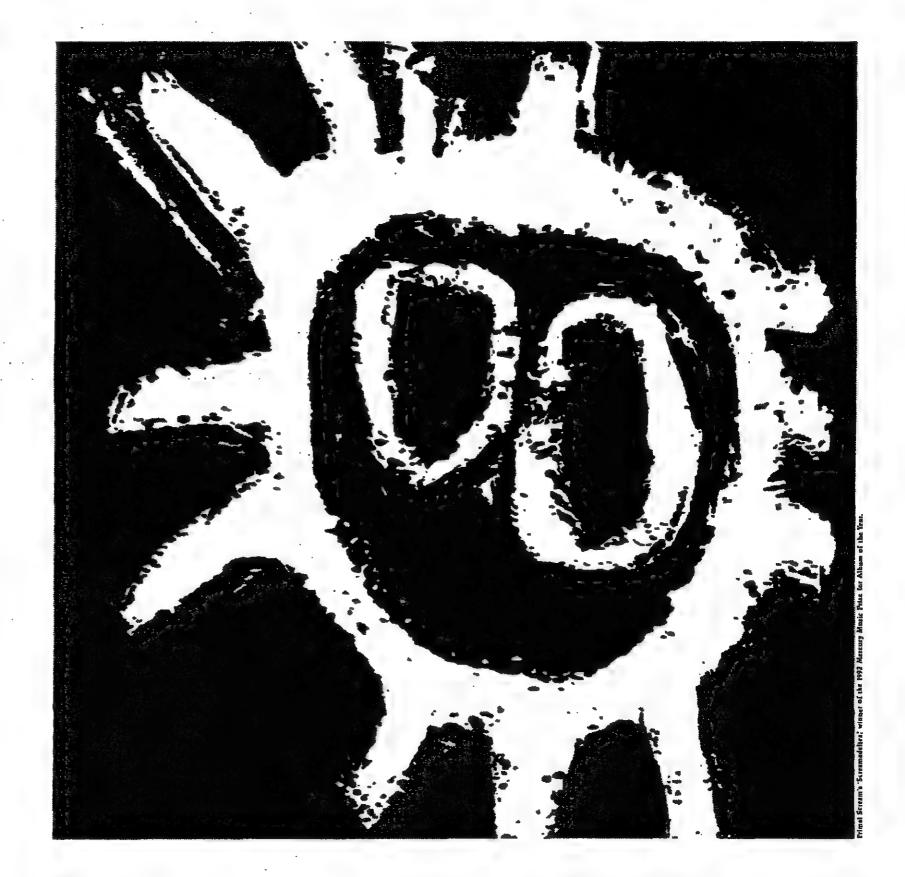
spread widely. The veiled women have even acquired their own magazine, Elegance and Decency. Preaching a message that not all fundamentalists would approve, it dedicates many pages to

marital advice for the muhagabat, reminding them that the veil should not make them neglect beauty care or their appearance. "What every veiled wife should know is that hijab (the half-veil favoured by Egyptians) means hid-ing from the looks of strangers the parts that attract men, at the same

terday on Ismailia Square in Cairo's fashionable Heliopolis district. On one side, the Ted Lapidus boutique women thronged the threestorey Salam shopping centre where fashions are advertised as being "for the muhagabat".

The trend was clear yes-

Supervising a female sales staff of more than 30 who were wearing a rainbow of veils, Ibrahim el-Barbour, the manager, said: "Business is very, very good. It is getting better all the time."



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Clifford Longley

Catholic attitudes to gay rights are inconsistent

eorge Bush's family values platform has had unexpected reinforcement from the Vatican. Both have declared it to be incompatible with Judaeo-Christian morality that homosexuals should have the right to equal treatment with heterosexuals in such matters as employment and housing. A letter from the Vatican, urging American bishops to resist equal rights legislation, was recently leaked. It provoked anger from homosexual groups in America and agitation among their British opposite numbers. There is clearly a movement among gay campaigners to begin to target the Catholic church. marking a change from the sporadic warfare over homosexuality inside the Church of England.

Gay rights has become a live issue in many municipalities in America, where campaigners are attempting to have local legislation passed to outlaw discrimination on the grounds of homosexuality. In some cases they are finding the local Catholic church, fortified by Vatican encouragement, a formidable obstacle - though in others they are finding it divided.

There is no Christian doctrine requiring the church to uphold discrimination against homosex-uals in secular matters. Indeed, guidelines on the treatment of homosexuality in the Catholic church in England and Wales, which would find a ready echo in the thinking of other British churches, oppose social discrimination. These guidelines, like the Vatican's letter, take advantage of a perhaps ultimately untenable distinction between a "practising homosexual" and a person of 'homosexual orientation". But a message with a degree of tolerance is there.

he Vatican has now made its advice to the American bishops public, and in the process has toughened it. There is a danger, it said, that granting entitlements to homosexuals might encourage them to "come out" in order to claim such rights, implying that coming out is inso facto deplorable. The English Catholic guidelines, in contrast, positively encourage coming-out as a step

towards emotional maturity. While mischief-making and name-calling would merely irritate, a well prepared debate on artifudes to homosexuality could be constructive both for the Catholic church and for homosexuals. For instance the church must say why, if it is legitimate for society to discriminate against homosexuals, it is not just as legitimate to discriminate against Catholics. What the Vatican has forgotten is the necessity for some basic ground rules for a plural society, containing the conditions for coexistence between groups of people who do not necessarily approve of each other.

Such ground rules are more likely to be fashioned by robust debate than by each group ignoring the others existence, which merely leads to mutual stereotyping and then group hatred. Having past experience as a persecuted minority in Britain, and as an "ethnic cleansing" victim of the Protestant ascendancy in Ireland, the Catholic community should be well equipped to understand what it must be like to be a member of another marginalised group. Few sights are more disgusting than a once-persecuted minority eventually winning acceptance, respectability and power, then picking on downtrodden groups below them

hat an honest dialogue must acknowledge is that reticence in the public ▼ discussion of homosexuality, though understandable, can conceal bad arguments or false distinctions. Much of the language used is dangerously vague or lacks agreed definition. Thus churchmen and most other people wanting to appear unprejudiced like to make a distinction between persons "with a homosexual orientation". (towards whom they say they feel goodwill) and homosexuality as an activity that is "practised", which they dislike or deplore.

It is time the full rigour of moral theology was applied to test the validity of this division of homosexuals into two separate categories, one which may be discriminated against, one which may not. The distinction between action and orientation may in time come to look incapable of sustaining the weight usually put on it. On closer inspection the very concept of an orientation, an attribute of sexual identity which is attached neither to feeling nor action, may not be a human reality at all but a metaphysical invention, a mere escape roune for uneasy consciences. The first step may be to redefine a homosexual as a human being, and start again from there.

Gender differences can no longer be put down to social conditioning, writes Nigel Hawkes

n politically correct circles. to assert that men and women are different borders on boorishness. If uttered by a man, such claims are evidence of naivety or a desire to shock. while from a woman they are close to a betrayal.

For the past twenty years feminists have conspired with well-meaning male liberals to assert that all gender differences are the result of early conditioning. They have found it hard, admittedly, to explain why men are on average taller than women, since even the most intensive conditioning appears unable to add a cubit to our stature, but in terms of intellectual ability the assumption is that boys and girls begin with the same empty screen, on to which their parents and society at large project very different

expectations.

Hampstead parents, many of whom actually believed this, have obediently declined to furnish their sons with guns, or their daughters with dolls. Blue and pink have been eschewed in favour of less obviously sexist

colours. Around the growing boy the prison walls of the new man have begun to close almost from the moment of birth, while girls have felt failures if they want to become nurses rather than

electricians. Such is the frailty of fashion that this period of well-meaning behaviourism has actually coincided with growing evidence that men and women are very different indeed, and that these differences have little to do with their upbringing but lots to do with the chemical factors that distin-

A growing body of scientific evidence now indicates that the brains of men and women are differently wired from very early in life as a result of sex hormones, and that this really explains the different abilities and skills of the two genders.

The recognition of this truth has come as a relief to many

researchers who set out with other ideas. For example, Camilla Benbow of Iowa State University, who has demonstrated that high mathematical ability tends to be a male preserve, has said: After 15 years of looking for an environmental explanation and getting zero results. I gave up". She now accepts that these

differences are biological in An excellent summary of the present state of knowledge is provided by Doreen Kimura, a professor of psychology at the University of Western Ontario, in the current issue of Scientific American. (A remarkable proportion of those working in the field of sexual differences are women, interestingly enough.) In Professor Kimura's laboratory it has been shown that boys as young as three are better at target directed motor skills - in

ordinary language, hitting or

catching balls - than girls of the can be reversed. Newborn male same age. Nor is this a consequence of greater practice: boys simply appear better equipped by nature to become cricketers or baseball players.

By the same token, girls have greater verbal fluency, learn languages more easily, are better at remembering landmarks from a route and carry out some manual tasks more skilfully. While men will learn the route for a journey by rote — "third left, second right, straight on at the roundabout — women will memorise it by landmarks, recalling that the right turn is close to Woolworths. The male approach makes men better at reading maps, according to Thomas Bever of the University of Rochester.

By running rais through mazes, Christina Williams of Barnard College has shown that these gender-related behaviours

Sex is all in the brain rats deprived of the male sex hormone testosterone navigate like females, while masculinised females get around like males. The Darwinian explanation for this is that male mammals with

> gation while the monogamous prairie vole does not. Professor Kimura is in no doubt that the effects of early exposure to sex hormones are considerable, and lifelong. Girls with a genetic defect that exposes them to high levels of masculinising hormones in the womb grow into women with

several mates must navigate

skilfully to find them all, a

hypothesis given a useful head of

steam by the finding that mead-

ow voles, which are polygynous.

show gender differences in navi-

spatial skills that are more typical of men. Exactly how these differences arise is not yet clear, but the

> Times on historical topics and current

events, including

essays on Sir Walter

Scott as novelist and historian, and

on the Duke of

Marlborough and the Act of Union

with Scotland in

1707. In 1932, he

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Two years later, he

wrote the front-

page article in The Times commemo-

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George V's silver

jubilee, and for the

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accumulating evidence is strong. The brains of girls and boys are made in a distinctive way that may determine how well they perform in certain specialised

This may mean that we may never see equal numbers of men and women in physics and engineering, or a woman chess master able to beat the best men. In other fields - Professor Kimura suggests medicine. where perceptual skills are important - women may in due course constitute a majority.

The fact that sex differences are real does not, of course, justify discrimination. In both sexes the range of ability is wide, with large areas of overlap; and most professions require a blend of skills which can be provided in more than one way. Nor do the inborn differences mean that environment is irrelevant

But it is no longer good enough to pretend that there are no differences beyond those imposed by convention and social behaviour, or that to look for such inborn differences is in some way an improper activity.

Clio's most trusted voice

Few historians have had such standing in national life, says David Cannadine

uring the first half of There had been this century. George Macaulay Trevelyan was much the most famous, the most honoured, the most influential and the most widely read historian in Britain. From the time when he published his Garibaldi trilogy, be-tween 1907 and 1911, to the appearance of his English Social History in 1944, Trevelyan occupied an unrivalled national position as public teacher, public moralist and public benefactor, wielding unchallenged cultural authority among the governing and the educated classes of his day. To his contemporaries, he was simply Clio's truest and most trusted voice.

He had an astonishing range of establishment connections. His great uncle was Lord Macaulay, and his father, Sir George Otto Trevelyan, was both a cabinet minister under Gladstone and the historian of the American Revolution. Among his relatives and in-laws were J. M. Keynes, E.M. Forster and Aldous Huxley. One friend and fellow Old Harrovian, Stanley Baldwin, made him Regius Professor of Modern History at Cambridge in 1927. Another, Winston Churchill, made him Master of Trinity in 1940. But this high standing in official circles was paralleled by his popularity with the general

By 1914, the Garibaldi books had established him as the bestselling historian of his generation. By 1940. England Under the Stuarts, first published in 1904, was in its 17th edition. By 1949, the History of England, which originally appeared in 1926, had sold 200,000 copies. But this was far surpassed by the English Social History, which came out in 1944, and within a year had sold 100,000 copies.

nothing like it since Macaulay — a precedent of which Trevelyan was well

and happily aware. Before the first world war, most of his journalistic writing appeared in such Liberal per-iodicals as the *Inde*pendent Review and The Nation. But he was already using the letters columns of The Times as a way of attracting public support for his earliest preservationist endeavours. In 1912 he sent a letter sup-porting the Nat-ional Trust's appeal for £4,000 to ac-

quire the Roman fort at Ambleside, near the head of Windermere. And in the following testing at the proposed motor road over the Scafell peaks. During the inter-war years, Trevelyan became guarding what he once described as "the calls and claims of natural beauty", and this resulted in a stream of letters to The Times urging the

need to preserve the increasingly threatened Lake District, and his own gifts of farms in Langdale were widely and appreciatively reported. In 1925 he persuaded Asquith, Baldwin, Macdonald and Grey



Trevelyan with his wife: The Times once called his books a 'public benefaction'

of Fallodon to write to The Times urging that the Ashridge estate, which included some beautiful hills, woods, commons and parkland near Berkhamstead, should be saved for the nation. And he

also used the paper to publicise the Youth Hostels Association, of which he became the first presi-

dent in 1930. By then, Trevelyan was con-

tributing lengthy articles to The

uary notice glowingly described him as "a great Englishman", and there was a final leading

article. Among 20th-century historians, Trevelyan was unique in

that his connection was at its closest during Geoffrey Dawson's second innings as editor, which lasted from 1923 to 1941. Like Dawson, Trevelyan believed in the world of inter-war decency as personified by Stanley Baldwin, Like Dawson, Trevelyan was an appeaser, who sup-ported the National Government and the Munich settlement. And like him, he regarded the second world war as an unmitigated catastrophe, "an age steadily lapsing and finally rushing into barbarism", as he described it in a private letter to Dawson in July 1941. or half a century, Trevel-

receiving such sustained and respectful attention from the

newspaper and it is significant

yan devoted himself sin-gle-mindedly to the fulfilment of his ambition: to make history once again an integral part of the national culture of his time, as it had been in Macaulay's day. He drove himself unrelentingly, worked prodigiously hard, and lived in genteel austerity. As one observer remarked, his was a life "unwarmed by the slightest hint of self-indulgence".

For Trevelyan was an outstanding product of the Victorian "culture of altruism". He believed that mankind had a duty, not only to make the best of his talents, but to serve the public and the nation. In his books, his essays and his journalism, that is what Trevelyan accomplished guiding his fellow citizens through the past, helping them understand themselves in time, giving them hope, encouragement and reassurance. The era in which he lived was too dark for his to have been a happy life, but it was uncommonly rich in achievements and in rewards. "I have", he remarked with pardonable pride, towards the close of his illustrious career, "done what I set out to do."

The author is Professor of History at Columbia University, New York. His book G.M. Trevelyan:

...and moreover

he language has meteors. as the heavens do. At a recent paper to a scientific symposium at Smolenice in Slovakia, Dr Colin Keay, of Newcastle University in New South Wales, discussed the noise that meteor fireballs make as they enter the atmosphere. This electrophonic sound seems a narrow speciality, of interest only to scientific star-gazers.

But, according to unscientific

observers, the sound said to be made by meteors is odd. The only previous survey of fireball noise covered 43 cases in North America and 63 in Russia before 1951. Their accounts divided into three classes: smooth, staccato and sharp sounds. Smooth ranged from hissing to rushing. Staccato from crackling to sizzling. And sharp from bang, crackle and pop to boom. Professor Keay has recorded another 167 sightings of meteors since then. There is remarkable agreement in the words used to describe the noise of meteor fireballs by people of different nationalities over different periods.

Some were evocative. A woman who saw the Murchison meteorite event in rural Victoria. Australia, in 1969, was startled by a hissing noise that reminded her of car tyres being driven over a wet road. As there were no cars, nor roads, not rain around, she looked up, and saw that strange daylight fireball. But most observers from many countries over more than 50 years describe the problematic noise made by fireballs with the same old clichés: rushing wind, sizzling, buzzing.

The anomaly is the description "whoosh". Nobody used this word before 1962. After 1962, in Professor Keay's report, whoosh is one of the most popular lay descriptions. Shome mishtake here, Prof? The numbers are too large for

the arrival of whoosh to be a sampling error. It is highly improbable that, in the past 30 years, meteor fireballs have changed the noise they have been making for billennia. For some reason whoosh has recently come into several languages as a popular echoic or onomatopoeic description. But the word is not new. It has been whooshing around for well over a century, favoured by an impressive number of literary meteors.

Its first recorded use is by Dickens in a letter to Wilkie Collins in July, 1856: "The boys whooshing and crying (after ti-gerish cat No. 2) 'French!', 'Here she comes!" " H.G. Wells was very fond of whoosh in his scientific romances, which were the beginning of the new genre of science fiction. Mark Twain and D.H. Lawrence used whoosh. It was a word that appealed to the new writers of a new age. Here is an example from 1917: "Huge projectiles whooshed noisily through

the air." James Murray, "Dictionary" Murray of The Oxford English Dictionary. coined the term echoism to describe a word that echoes a sound in nature, as "splash" echoes a liquid striking something or something striking a liquid, "crunch" mimics someand whoosh describes exactly the electrophonic sound of a fireball. Tennyson was strong on colours but deaf to noise when he wrote: "Now slides the silent meteor on, and leaves/A shining furrow, as thy thoughts in me." That meteor actually made a mysterious whoosh. The "bow-wow" theory of the

origins of language suggests that imitating the sounds of the environment, especially animal and bird calls, as in cock-a-doodledoo, cuckoo, bow-wow, and buzz. It is an unpersuasive theory, because very few of these echoic words exist in any language. Another name for echoism is onomatopoeia, "making a name". In English we find it most often

in children's stories: ding-dong, rat-a-tat-tat, buzz buzz. This happens in comic strips and cartoons
WHAM! POW! KERSPLAT!
ZAP! It is the language of advertising, which is both child-ish and vivid: "All three Kodak disc cameras go bzzt, bzzt, flash, flash. One goes tick, tock, beep, beep. And anyone who gets one for the holidays will go oooooh!" Echoism happens when a writ-

er tries to build up a sound effect: "The childhood dreams of the grinning Fe-Fi-Fo-Fum giant swinging his are the shishslurp of the Creature emerging from the Black Lagoon. Echoism occurs more in some languages. Japanese has three times as many onomatopoeic expressions as English. But whoosh has arrived as the interthing brittle breaking into pieces; national echoic for fireballs.

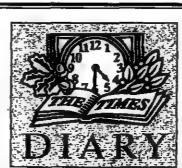
Harmony in the Albert Hall

TO THE disappointment of con-noisseurs of media wars, the pros-pect of Michael Grade sharing the same box as senior BBC executives at the Last Night of the Proms this evening has been narrowly averted. The Channel 4 boss was on the special guest list drawn up by the affable John Drummond, the director of the Proms, before Grade delivered his now notorious speech at the Edinburgh television festival last month.

Given that Grade had described the BBC as living in a wonderland and run by a "pseudo-Leninist style of management", Drummond immediately realised that diplomatic skills the equal of a David Owen were necessary. Fortunately the invitations were still awaiting to be sent out and the one addressed to Grade — the "Bourbon in red braces" as Marmaduke Hussey called him - was discreetly lost. Yesterday Grade was unconcerned. by the snub. "To be honest I don't think he was really expecting an invitation," said a spokesman.

Yet not all potentially explosive combinations have been so successfully avoided in the course of the long season. Last week Will Wyatt, the managing director of BBC television, found himself in the difficult position of sharing a box with David Jessel and Liz Forgan, director of programmes at Channel 4. Between the issue of the invitations and the concert, Jessel. and most of the team that work on his Rough Justice team defected to Channel 4 in high dudgeon.

The senior BBC management failed to give us much support or share in any of our triumphs," Jessel said at the time. The music had a soothing effect and the evening apparently passed without



incident. Heaven knows what might have happened if the orchestra had struck up those menancing opening bars of the Mars theme from Holst's Planets suite or launched into the cannonade from the "1812" overture.

 Britain's biggest bankrupt is in arrears with his trade union dues. Brother Kevin Maxwell owes the London executive staff branch of the Manufacturing, Science and Finance union about £50 in unpaid subscriptions. "If he cares to give me a call I am sure we can negotiate a reduced rate now he has signed on the dole." says Barrie Sherman, the branch secretary. Sherman is even offering to send his recalcitrant member a copy of his new book about virtual reality. The title? Glimpses of Heaven, Visions of Hell.

Circular argument

JEAN-PAUL SARTRE'S definition of hell was "other people" but Christmas on the M25 surely runs a close second. Not at all, says the M25 group, a conglomeration of hoteliers and businessmen located around the dreaded ring. In fact, they say, Christmas is the only day of the year when the motorway can be enjoyed in its full glory, and the 120 deserted miles travelled without impediment. They are even of-

fering a commemorative plate and

an M25 survival Christmas stocking, to those making the round trip. "We think it is a winner," says organiser Peter Rand. Those who have ever broken down on a motorway on Christmas day and found all the garages closed might take

Frock tactics

YES, they will go to the ball. The alarming — or perhaps delightful — thought of 30 debutantes turning up to the Queen Charlotte's Birthday Ball in their birthday suits at Grosvenor House on Monday has receded. Ever since it was announced last week that Berketex.



the provider of the debs' ball gowns, had gone into receivership, the ball committee has been in seeking an alternative sponsor. Now a fairy godmother has come forward in the form of Queen Chariotte's Hospital. The trustees have agreed to stump up the insurance which was required before the receivers were prepared to loan the gowns for the evening. The sighs of relief at the dress rehearsal as the girl's practised their curtseys this

week were audible

On another channel WITHOUT a roundhead in sight.

David Gower, the last of the cricketing cavaliers, launched his controversial autobiography at one of Covent Garden's most fashionable watering holes on Thursday night. "You may have noticed Micky Stewart, Graham Gooch and Ted Dexter aren't here," said Gower, whose trenchant criticism of the England management in the book many suspect cost him a place on the winter tour to India - despite the fact that the cricket authorities had passed the book for publication. But Gower had an explanation for that, too. "I don't think Lord's has actually got around to reading it yet."

Gower, who is involved in wildlife conservation projects in Africa. said his original title for the book had been Endangered Species. In-deed, and England's finest batsman in 20 years enjoyed support from some other endangered species among his guests, too. Lord Gilmour, who famously did battle with the roundheads in the Thatcherite cabinets of the 1980s, was being far ruder about the test selectors than he ever was about his political opponents. Gary Lineker, that rare adornment, a gentieman footballer, felt Gower's omission was a bigger national tragedy than the defeat of the England football team in the European Championships

this summer. Gower himself made no effort to hide his disappointment. "I would have loved to have gone," he admitted with feeling. But there are compensations. The cricketer said by Keith Fletcher to be "too old" at 35 marries Thorun Nash at Winchester cathedral next Friday and is then off to Australia in November to cover their season for Channel Nine. One suspects England will miss him rather more than he

misses England.

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LABOUR'S CHANCE

There are two rocks over which the government is most likely to stumble - the economy and Europe. The official Opposition has done no more than stand back and watch. Labour is scared of being seen as the party of devaluation and inflation. Such is John Smith's devotion to Europe that he cannot with any integrity lead his party to vote against ratification of the Maastricht treaty. But there is one political tactic open to him that would both embarrass the Conservative party and neutralise the divisions in his own: he could call for a referendum.

When Labour veered abruptly towards Europe in the late 1980s, some of its leaders, Mr Smith among them, were greatly relieved. They had supported Britain's entry into the EC in the first place and campaigned for it to stay in the subsequent referendum. They were instinctively pro-European and had never felt comfortable with Labour's old distrust of the EC. But others were taken aback by the lurch in policy and still have not been converted.

Yesterday the internal Labour rumbles against Maastricht continued, with Bryan Gould, shadow national heritage secretary, David Blunkett, shadow health secretary, and John Morris. shadow attorney general, all deriding the treaty. Mr Smith is now in the awkward position of having a key party policy undermined by senior members of his own front bench.

So how would a referendum help? Mr Smith would be riding with popular opinion: a Gallup poll in yesterday's Daily Telegraph found 65 per cent of people supporting a referendum with only 16 per cent against. If Maastricht really means subsidiarity, what better way of proving it than to take the decision to the people? Mr Smith could argue that the general election gave no mandate to John Major over Europe since voters were not given the chance to back a party that opposed Maastricht. He could argue too that a whipped vote in the House of Commons would represent something less than a triumph for democracy. And under

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Britain's admittedly nebulous constitutional rules, the Maastricht treaty, affecting as it does parliamentary sovereignty, would be a perfect subject for a referendum.

Even as an ardent European, a referendum could further Mr Smith's cause. Britain has shown such ambivalence about further European union that a widespread public debate followed by a vote could only clear the air. If the vote were yes, the country would feel far more certain about its relationship with Europe, as it did after the 1975 referendum. If it were no, the country's hostility to greater union would at least have been exposed before it was too late.

True, Labour is split over Europe. But Mr Smith could happily allow dissident members of his party to campaign for a no vote, just as anti-Common Market Conservatives had free rein in the 1975 referendum. Mr Major would be in a more difficult position. Several members of his government would feel distinctly uncomfortable campaigning publicly for a yes vote and might even be tempted to resign. Mr Major has staked his political reputation on the "triumph" he secured at Maastricht, so support for a no vote from members of his own party would seem far more disloyal than it would coming from Labour MPs.

Mr Smith could defend himself against criticism that a referendum would, as in France, turn into a party political beauty contest. Britain went through such a contest in April and has little stomach for a re-nm. Besides, politics since the general election have been remarkable for their lack of argument, at least between the parties. And in the opinion polls, for what they are worth, neither party suffers from the low public esteem of the French Socialists.

Of course, France could vote no, in which case Maastricht will be dead anyway. But if the treaty survives the French ordeal, British aminudes to it will be no less confused. Mr Smith could demand a referendum to resolve the impasse. A great political opportunity is waiting to be grasped.

TRUMAN, A FALSE MODEL

The late Harry S. Truman is currently the most fashionable politician in all América. Both President George Bush and Governor Bill Clinton repeatedly invoke his memory in their campaigns. Mr Bush looks in hope to Truman's fight-back during the 1948 presidential campaign when the Democrat president furiously attacked the then Republican controlled Congress and won against all expectations. To wrap himself in Truman's mantle, Mr Clinton this week visited Truman's birthplace, Independence, Missouri, for what used to be the traditional start

of the presidential campaign on Labor Day. Politicians always want to bask in the glow of great figures from the past. It does not matter precisely what the figure did, or even what party he belonged to. What matters is that his political career is long over and that he is now regarded as a Great Man. Normaily, it takes at least 20 to 25 years for a political leader to pass from immediate controversy, through an intermediate stage of obscurity after death, to the status of an icon.

In Britain, 19th-century politicians liked to associate themselves with Pitt as an exemplar of all that the public looked for in their leaders. In the last two decades. Winston Churchill and Clement Attlee have entained this status. In America, Washington and Lincoln became pillars of the nation within a few years of their deaths, while Democrats now appropriate former Republican presidents like Theodore Roosevelt and Eisenhower, just as Republicans invoke former Democrat presidents such as Franklin Roosevelt or John Kennedy.

All this, of course, is historical nonsense. It ignores the bitter controversies which surrounded these leaders in their lifetimes. Republicans now lauding Franklin Roosevelt forget that their fathers and grandfathers loathed him as a destroyer of free enterprise in America. Similarly, Tory MPs who now talk of Attiee as if he was a saintly figure above politics, forget that their fathers reviled him as a partisan socialist. It is odd how often revulsion is followed by respect.

Harry Truman is an odd choice for Mr Bush to pick as an inspiration, especially since in 1948 he voted for Thomas Dewey, the Republican candidate. President Truman was as partisan a Democrat as there ever was. During the 1948 campaign, he attacked "profiteers and the privileged class", declaring: "Our primary concern is for the little fellow. We think the big boys have always done very well. It is the business of government to see that the little fellow gets a square deal." That is hardly Mr Bush's record.

The Truman style, and his electoral success, are more comfortable parallels. Mr Bush's interest was sparked by a 1948 White House memorandum and by David Me-Cullough's new best-selling biography of Truman, especially the parts about his "Give 'em hell Harry" barnstorming campaign. But Mr Bush, the ultimate Washingtoninsider, is an unconvincing populist protesting against Congress. The real lesson of the Truman campaign is the need for a candidate to have a coherent and weil-argued programme to show why he should be given a further term in office. Mr Bush has yet to do that. Politicians would do well not to claim the

mantles of their predecessors. Sometimes departed spirits can kick back, via their surviving relatives. Margaret Truman Daniel, the former president's daughter, has been popping up on American television to ridicule Mr Bush. Adapting Lloyd Bentsen's famous put-down of Dan Quayle four years ago, she told the president: "I knew Harry Truman. George Bush, you're no Harry Truman!"

ROYAL LIBERATION

The embarrassment of the royal family at the continual washing of its dirty linen in public deserves some relief. Royal they may be but human they are too. Sections of the press have abandoned all restraint. If this was a bad summer for the public image of the royal family, it was an equally bad one for the reputation of the press. Whether or not the result is now a privacy law or a statutory tribunal enforcing a code of (better) behaviour, the traditional veil of deference and reserve which in the past gave royalty some privacy has been crudely tom aside.

The royal family's interest now lies in extricating itself from the public domain as fast as possible. Certain members of the family, notably the sovereign and the immediate heir, can never expect the privacy of a commoner, any more than can a president or prime minister. Other members of the family must be allowed to become as near to private citizens as ingenuity can bring about. Most should have no special public duties. therefore no call on public funds for a living but also no answerability to the public for their conduct. They can be privatised.

Royal marriages should no longer be subject to special laws; royal individuals should have the same rights to a private family life as those enjoyed by all other subjects. At present the law denies that equality and puts royalty's marriages - and hence its family life -- squarely in the public domain. The Royal Marriages Act of 1772 opens with a ringing declaration that would seem to justify many a recent tabloid front page, that "marriages in the royal family are of the highest importance to the state". This absurd act is no dead letter, nor are other stanutes which govern royal marriages such as the 1701 Act of Settlement.

The Princess Royal is believed to be eager to remarry after her recent divorce from Captain Mark Phillips. She cannot lawfully do so in England, even with her mother's consent to a second marriage which the 1772 act obliges her to obtain. Royalty is not allowed to marry in a civil register office in England, due to an oversight in drafting the civil marriage legislation. They cannot remarry in the Church of England as the Archbishop of Canterbury is barred by a 1957 act of convocation from issuing an ecclesiastical licence in such a case. They could, however, marry in a Scottish register office or in the Church of Scotland.

The need for the sovereign's consent is an unwarranted imposition on both sides. By giving the Queen the duty of vetting all royal spouses, the act seems to give her a share of the blame for any mistakes. And when divorced royalty wishes to remany and her permission is required a second time, as supreme governor of the Church of England she is caught between her ecclesiastical and her secular duty. She is known to regard this as more than a technical difficulty.

The Act of Settlement has not stopped junior members of the royal family marrying Roman Catholics; they merely forfeit a distant claim to a place in the succession. The act is objectionable largely as a symbol of statutory - and hence parliamentary and hence public - involvement in deciding who and how royalty may marry and divorce. It reinforces the message of the 1772 act's preamble, that such affairs are "of the

highest importance to the state". They are not. The act should be repealed and all other public meddling in royal marriages should stop. For its own sake, the royal family needs the freedom to be private.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Urgent need for reform of ERM

From Professor Lord Desai

Sir. What we are witnessing in the money markets is an exchange-rate war across the Atlantic reminiscent of the tariff wars of the 1930s. The desire of the US to revive the economy has led to its aggressive interest-rate policy which has put the dollar into a free full. The reluctance of the Bundesbank to

offer lower interest rates in return has led to the fraught situation where the governments of Germany, Italy, France, Sweden, Norway and the UK find themselves under pressure for one reason or another connected with the ERM (exchange-rate mechanism).

It is urgent that a comprehensive reform of the ERM be carried out whether or not the Maastricht treaty is ratified. After a decade of stability, the ERM has proved incapable of coping with the twin shocks of German reunification and the uncertainty over

the Maastricht treaty.

It is no longer possible to presend that the ERM is a symmetric collection of currencies all in a defined relation with each other. The asymmetric position of the deutschmark has to be acknowledged and the institution of a lender of last resort provided for if we are to recover the stability which ERM

As a first step towards such reform and as well as to ease the exchange-rate war the members of the ERM should simultaneously go into a flex-ible mode pending the ratification of the Maastricht treaty or its replacement by a new treaty which can give substance to further progress towards

European monetary union.
This will create a situation in which speculators are no longer enjoying a one-sided bet and credit which should be used for investment is not frittered away to maintain what has now become an unrealistic set of exchange-

The IMF meeting next week provides the perfect occasion for putting this policy into effect. The fact that it starts the day after the French referendum makes it the last chance we have of restoring order in the currency

Yours etc. MEGHNAD DESAL Development Studies Institute, The London School of Economics and Political Science, Houghton Street, WC2. September 11.

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Lies, damned lies . . .

From Mr Rufus Palamountain

Sir, Dr Cohen's letter (September 10), as published, was obviously wrong in its description of how first-class batting averages are calculated. The numerator is total runs scored, the denominator is number of times out (as opposed to not-out). His suggestion that the denominator should become number of innings is a step in the right direction, but too big a step.

I suggest that the bassman is given some credit for not being out and that this should be reflected in his average by including in the numerator only a proportion of those runs scored when he is not-out. The proportion would be found by dividing the number of notouts by the total number of innings. The denominator for calculating the average would remain number of times out.

I have much sympathy with Dr Cohen's suggestion for the FTSE 100 index, but would make the further modification to all such indices that they should be adjusted for inflation. We would then get real "lows", al-though we would be less likely to get real "highs".

Yours faithfully. RUFUS PALAMOUNTAIN, Hanford Parva, Blandford, Dorset. Sentember 10.

*We apologise to Dr Cohen and to readers for the error in his letter, which was the

Book choice

From Mrs G. A. L. M. Hunt

Sir, I imagine that your literary editor will soon be compiling suggestions for our Christmas reading. Would it be possible for him to provide a list of "politically correct" authors and publishers? I can then avoid them when shopping for my four-year-old granddaughter.

Yours faithfully. GILL HUNT. Duddle Farmhouse, Bockhampton, Dorchester, Dorset. September 8.

Booker price

From Mr Rajnikant J. Mehta

Sir, Whatever the differences between the contenders for the Booker Prize this year (report, September 10), one thing is common - each of their books is priced at £14.99. I wonder how they managed that?

Yours truly. RAINIKANT J. MEHTA. 18 Leigh Court, Byron Hill Road. Harrow on the Hill, Middlesex.

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Harmonising the time in Europe

From Sir John Leahy

Sir, I support the suggestion in your editorial (September 5), entitled "Harmony in time", that Britain should adopt Central European Time, suitably renamed, as our standard time. It is not a maner of harmonisation for its own sake. I would hazard a guess that for most of us the advantages would outweigh the disadvantages. Alas, on present form we are unlikely to be able to put the issue to the test of a

Yours faithfully, JOHN LEAHY (Chairman, Franco-British Council, British Section). Knightsbridge House, 197 Knightsbridge, SW7.

From Mr Oliver Gillie

Sir, Your report (September 5) that the EC Commission is to press (or rather force) the UK to alter the end of summer time to coincide with the changeover in the rest of Europe could hardly be more depressing.

First, it is the kind of pointess interference that would give the Com-mission a bad name if it did not already have one. Secondly, it is a move in the wrong direction.

During the summer we suffer from an excess of light in the early morning and a shortage in the evening. Our present system is eccentric in that the time changes in spring and autumn are not symmetrical, but if we are simply to tinker it would be bener to change the clocks earlier in the spring. (If the international transport industries are unable to cope with a few time changes they don't deserve to survive).

But most importantly the Commission is missing the opportunity to force an obvious change that successive governments have ducked in the most cowardly manner, that is for the UK to move to European time throughout the year.

Surely the only sensible argument for European integration is that we

have made such a mess of running our own affairs that anything else would be better.

Yours faithfully OLIVER GILLIE, 126 Court Lane, Dulwich, SE21.

From Mr John Howard

Sir, If Britain is forced to change the clocks at the end of September instead of October the darker afternoons will lead to about 100 deaths and serious injuries on the roads over and above the 5,500 or so that can be expected in

that month. We must not agree to a date change without a time change too or we will face more death and injury on our

Yours faithfully. JOHN HOWARD (Director of Safety). The Royal Society for the Prevention Cannon House, The Priory, Queensway, Birmingham 4.

From Mr Alan F. Brigden

Sir, Your editorial makes the point that GMT has to go and Central European Time has to come — but mourns the lack of any British connection.

Surely - since all Western Europe is to be thus harmonised - Central European Time is now a misnomer and in future should be called Western European Time. The acronym, of course, supplies the missing British

Yours faithfully, ALAN F. BRIGDEN, Casa Almares. Albardeira. Meia Praia, 8600 Lagos, Algarve, Portugal. September 7.

From Mr J. R. E. Sedgwick Sir, Why not call it Hour Time? Yours etc. J. R. E. SEDGWICK,

Pasture House, Whitsbury, Nr Fordingbridge, Hampshire.

Charities' obligations From Mr Adrian Longley

Sir, It might reasonably be inferred from your third leader of September 3 ("Auntie's agony") that—in contrast to the governors of the BBC—a proper stance for charitable trustees is relaxation "on the sidelines".

With over 166,000 charities currently on the charity commissioners' register - and a new one being entered every 30 minutes of the working day — there are bound to be approach. Nevertheless, as the persons ultimately responsible for the control and management of their charity, such trustees relax at their peril.

In the words of "Effectiveness and the voluntary sector", published by the National Council for Voluntary Organisations in April 1990, "trustees must supervise the charity's operations and ensure that the strategic planning which guides those operations makes the best use of its actual and potential assets in meeting its defined aims".

These obligations are not always appreciated by trustees. As Sir Philip Woodfield pointed out in his 1987 Report on the supervision of charities", "there are trustees who are lethargic and neglectful and often unaware that trusteeship confers obligations more definite than general

The 1992 Charities Act goes some

ing the powers of trustees and strengthening the invigilatory role of the charity commissioners. But what is also urgently required is a survey of the role and function of charity trustees, so that informed recommendations for their appointment and training may be made. Yours faithfully, ADRIAN LONGLEY,

way towards both defining and enlarg-

7 Kersley Street, Battersea, SW11. September 5. From the Chairman of the Leonard

Cheshire Foundation Sir, My own trustees, unpaid and

often at great personal inconvenience. give on average at least one day every week to furthering the work of this foundation. They accept fiduciary responsibilities greater than those of a company director, they often take on managerial roles, public relations duties, fundraising tasks and even negotiations with local authorities. I am sure they are not unique.

Without the commitment of charitable trustees much of the work of our voluntary sector, recently estimated at £2 billion per annum to our national economy, would never materialise. Yours truly,

GEOFFREY HOWLETT, Chairman. The Leonard Cheshire Foundation. 26-29 Maunsel Street, SW1.

Stuck for a dance

From Miss S. Bonham-Carter

Sir, Before the second world war I accompanied Miss Violet Alford in the research for a book on Pyrenecan festivals, staying with friends in Cabezon de la Sal. In the evenings we joined a youth group which came 10 dance the jota an Aragonese dance, accompanied by castanets] in the large front hall, and on one occasion were

asked to show them an English dance. Miss Alford came up with "Ahunting we will go", a very simple longways dance accompanied by singing. So she taught it, and I sang, and it went down like a bomb.

In those days English dances as well as songs (letters, August 31, September 5, 11) were taught at school; but that seems no longer to be so, alas. except for some ribbon maypole dancing, which is bogus as far as England is concerned. Scottish arts were lucky in being persecuted. It accounts for their survival.

Yours faithfully. S. BONHAM-CARTER, 67 Lea Road. Sonning Common, Oxfordshire. September 11.

Moore study centre

From the Director of the Tate Gallery

Sir, Your heading to Kate Alderson's report (September 10) of the proceedings of the public enquiry into the Henry Moore Foundation's plans for developments at the artist's home and studios in Much Hadham states that I join Mary Moore in opposing the foundation's proposals for a visitor and study centre. This is not the case.

The Tate's reservations are about only one aspect of the foundation's plans — the proposed construction of a reception centre and the modifications Executing a will From Ms Gabrielle Dell

Sir, Tim Symonds's article in Law Times ("A fate worse than death". September 1) fails to emphasise that an executor daunted by the complexities of his task can use a solicitor specifically to do all the administrative

When people make a will the deciding factor in choosing executors is the belief that those chosen will not only fulfil their legal responsibilities: but more importantly that they will have, as a result of their relationship with the deceased, an intuitive knowledge of what the testator himself would have wished.

It is this personal touch that in many cases a solicitor cannot provide. What he, or she, can provide is the expertise to tie up all the loose ends, so that the legal requirements of the probate are met properly and quickly.

Yours sincerely. GABRIELLE DELL Ross & Craig (Solicitors), Swift House, 12a Upper Berkeley Street, W1. September 4.

of an existing gallery designed by Sir Leslie Martin to show the work of Moore. We do not oppose the study centre and we warmly applaud the

foundation's decision to withdraw its application for a new sculpture gallery. We have no view to express on the tragic dispute between the foundation and Mary Moore, beyond the fervent hope that matters will be settled promptly, so that the public can again concentrate on Henry Moore's art.

Yours faithfully, NICHOLAS SEROTA, Director, Tate Gallery. Millbank, SW1.

Tunes of glory or notes of discord?

From Mr Michael D. Varcoe-Cocks Sir. In the feature on Classic FM (Life & Times, September 9), Richard Ingrams complains about being tok that Tchaikovsky "had a tormented life". The problem with the shallow approach of the new station is that we will probably hear something similar to this every time a piece by Tchaikov-

sky is played. I have noticed that, despite having had no formal musical training, I recognise what is playing each time I switch on Classic FM and usually guess correctly what piece of trivia the presenter is going to attach to it.

For aural wallpaper, we can turn to it, but to broaden our horizons and deepen our knowledge we still need a public-service station which will inform and educate, not just entertain: Radio 3 must complement, not compete with, Classic FM - which is, I suspect, really Radio 24.

Yours faithfully, MICHAEL VARCOE-COCKS, 5 Brackenbury Road, W6.

From Mr Kleran Cooper

Sir. Is it not somewhat ironic that in order to answer the competition questions on Tchaikovsky posed on Classic FM this week and win 105 CDs, one needs only to listen to the scholarly introductions by Peter Franklin to Radio 3's Composer of the Week?

Yours faithfully KIERAN COOPER. Crescent Lodge, Park Lane, Aldeburgh, Suffolk.

From Mr A. P. H. Browne

Sir, Richard Ingrams may not mourn "the passing of those precious, plummy-voiced BBC announcers who sometimes had difficulty knowing which side of the record to put on", but I do. I miss the joyous amateurism of the announcements as in "Well, we seem to have some time before the beginning of the concert, so . . . ", or the unabashed "Well, that, of course, was not Schehernzade" after yet another miscuing. These "wrong" discs were

never aborted. Certainly, the CD era denied us the pleasure of Bruckner at 45 rpm, but we still had the Radio 3 Silence. These silences were often of such duration that it was often difficult to work out whether the station had gone off the

A tweedy and knowledgeable amateurism; its passing is much regretted.

Yours faithfully. PAUL BROWNE, 50 Cambridge Road,

East Twickenham, Middlesex. From Dr Elizabeth Stanley

Sir, Suddenly I feel free - released, unshackled, I am elated. Why? Classic FM. Reared on a healthy diet of classical music, but never in "bite-sized chunks", I now realise that for years I have been starving. My hectic life has

all but laid the cupboard bare. Now I have been given permission to snack, I am beginning to feel comfortably replete. But I am also encouraged to make time for the occasional and even more satisfying full meal.

Thank you Classic FM and halio again Radio 3. Yours faithfully, ELIZABETH STANLEY,

82 Harley Street, W1. From Lieutenant Colonel C. H.

Rayment Sir, As an avid radio listener i congratulate Classic FM on a programme that deserves to succeed. I have today listened to it from 6.10am almost continuously until it closed at l lpm. Long may it continue.

Yours faithfully, C. H. RAYMENT. Briarswood House, Wareham, Dorset, September 8.

From Mrs Trag-Jane Faulkner

Sir, The choice of music for the morning programmes on Classic FM is bland but acceptable for that time of day and the presenter amiable enough. The commercials do not intrude too much. But what will drive me back to the cosy, pleasantly lackadaisical world of Radio 3 is the inability of the presenter to allow any pause between the end of the music and his urgent revelation about the piece we have just heard and that which is coming next.

They really must allow the music to speak for itself and permit the listeners a momentary sigh of contentment at the end of each piece.

Yours faithfully. TRACEY-JANE FAULKNER, 40 Malcolm Crescent. Hendon, NW4.

From Mr Michael Berkeley

Sir. In the course of the debate on the broadcasting of classical music, we should remember that it is only through the constant exploration of the "unfamiliar" that we discover the familiar". The music of J. S. Bach, which we must all be relieved to hear pleases Mr Ingrams, in fact languished unplayed for decades until the passionate advocacy of Mendelssohn helped to rekindle the public's interest.

Yours sincerely, MICHAEL BERKELEY, Middle Pitts, Milebrook, Nr Knighton, Powys.

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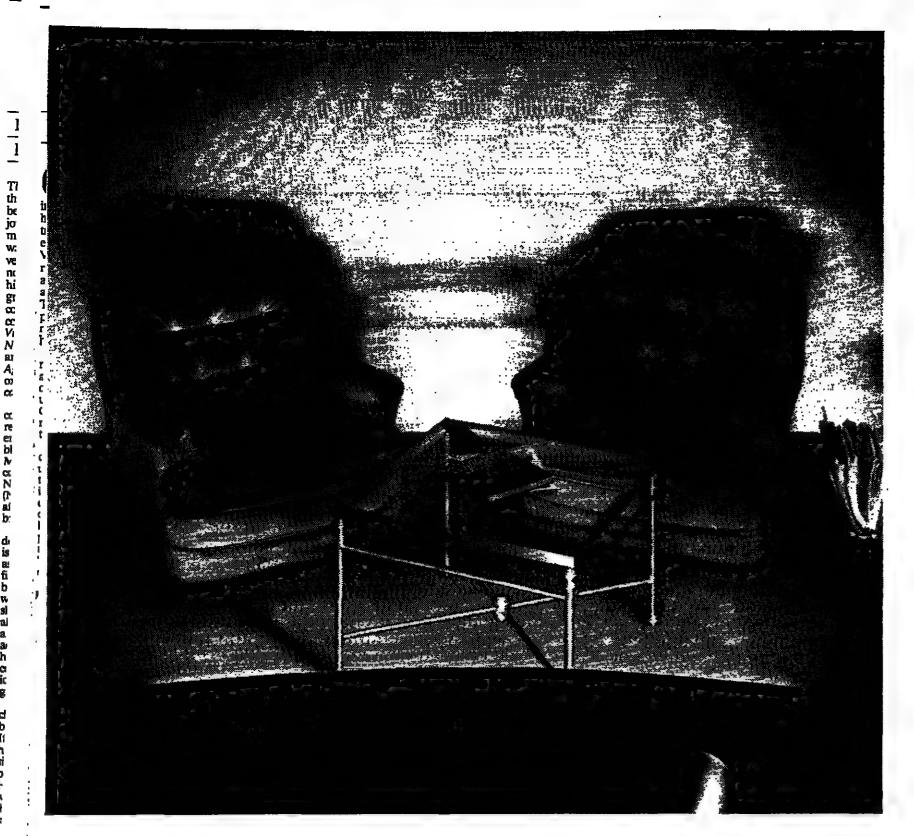
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The chairs love your commercial. The table isn't so sure.

THERE'S ONE PROBLEM with the theory that television advertising is highly intrusive: avoiding commercials is easy.

Nonetheless, we are assured that they reach a huge and attentive audience.

For support we are given figures based on a method of research which records the time at which viewers switch their sets on, change channels, and switch off.

A method which asks us to assume that when the commercials are on, there's someone watching.

Questionable when you are armed with the knowledge that demand for electricity and water rises and falls like a massed heartbeat with each commercial break. It is safe enough to deduce that this is the result of people putting the kettle on, or visiting the loo. (Doesn't common sense tell us that viewers are far more likely to leave the room in a commercial break, than during their favourite programme?).

Indeed, a number of research studies carried out over the past thirty years have suggested that millions of people, whose attention you are paying for, are not watching when the commercials come on.

And now, a new and revealing report has confirmed this.

A research psychologist called Dr. Peter Collett videoed people watching commercials by putting a hidden camera into their television sets.

He saw (literally) that for 20% of the commercials no one was in the room. To put it bluntly, you are spending 20% of your budget communicating with tables and chairs. (If only they had high disposable incomes.)

The videotapes also revealed that ad vertising breaks were the cue to escape the commercials.

Some people left the room. Others used their remote-control 'zappers' to find out what was on the other channels. That's another 10% of the commercials missed.

That leaves 70% of the commercials with a potential audience.

But the tapes show people talking reading, sleeping. Some, who evidently forgot they were being filmed, used the sofa for activities normally reserved for the bedroom.

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By Joe Joseph

THERE is more work for the government's new language police than they might have imagined. It seems that more than 700 million people now claim to speak English and John Patten might be hard pressed to understand more than about six of them unless he is willing to broaden his boundaries of linguistic

The first A-Z of the English language, published by Oxford University Press next week, looks at everything from pidgin Aborigine to Zimbabwean dialect in an epic survey that underlines just how tricky is has become to tell when English is really English, Chinua Achebe, the Nigerian writer, once wrote that "the price a world language must be prepared to pay is submission to many different kinds of use". Let's be blunt Chinus: sometimes very different.

In what now looks to be a deliberate nose-thumbing at Mr Patten, Chaucer said nearly 1,000 years ago: "ther is so gret diversite / In Englissh and in writyng of oure tonge", which shows just



how illiterate Chaucer was. But Geoffrey was clearly farsighted about the future of the language. It is quite possible that Chaucer would have understood that when a chap from Papua New Guinea came up to him and said in perfectly plain English that "em kisim bagarap", the man was simply saying that "he had had an accident". bagarap stemming from

In fact, "bagarap", the forthcoming Oxford Companion to the English Language says, is very popular with Papua New Guineans. It occurs unremarkably in sen-tences such as "pik i bagarapim gaden", or, as Mr Patten might say, "the pig ruined the garden". And if he is wondering about the weather next time he is In Harare, and a Zimbabwean confides that "the rain is on the nose", he is merely telling the education minister that "the rainy season is approaching".

If Mr Patten is in the Solomon Islands and is taken aside by a young lady and told: "Mitufaia jes marit nomoa ia so mitufala no garem eni plkinini jet", she is only informing him that "we've just got married only we haven't got any children yet". Mr Patten can then count himself lucky he hasn't just run across a Solomon

Islander with a taste for puns. It took Tom McArthur, the book's editor, six years to tackle all the questions of politically correct English, the impact of new words and slang, the language of literature, wit, taboo language, rhetoric. He says his task "made going to sea in a sieve look quite safe". No doubt Patten's police will still winkle out passages where plk i bagarapim McArthur's



Slim hopes: Luciano Pavarotti, with bandana covering his mouth to prevent throat infections, prom-ising yesterday to reduce his 20-stone frame by six stones. He

Continued from page 1 fighting in Bosnia-Herze-

Nato earlier offered to send

early warning aircraft to monitor air traffic over Bos-

nia. But diplomatic sources

said there was no question of

Nato providing an air um-

brella over Bosnia or air cover

for UN aid convoys that come

under attack. Nato Awacs are

already patrolling over the

Adriatic, helping to monitor

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sings in Tosca at the Royal Opera. House tonight, his first London performance since last summer's Hyde Park concert. There has been speculation that his weight

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UN move on Bosnia troops delayed

compliance with the interna-

tional sanctions that are in

place against Serbia and

This weekend the EC will

be studying ways of protect-

ing aid convoys without being sucked into a Balkans war.

During a two-day meeting of foreign ministers at Brocket Hall, near Hatfield, in Hert-

fordshire. France is expected

to seek support for its de-

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Montenegro.

was harming his health, but he said he is on a strict diet. "When I wake up in the morning I don't eat until 3pm. Then I have a little steak with salad and at night I salad, both times with bread and mineral water. That's all, apart from one small piece of fruit. And sometimes I have pasta."

Euro-rebels defy Smith

Continued from page 1 generations. No wonder the

people of Europe are rebel-ling against their leaders." Although the Smith camp tried yesterday to dismiss Mr Gould's speeches, his continued attacks, contrary to the party line, have begun to cast doubt on his willingness to remain in the shadow cabinet if Mr Smith continues his pro-ERM, pro-treaty policy. Douglas Hurd, the foreign

secretary, insisted last night that the treaty marked a setback for those who wanted to centralise power in Brussels. Those who portrayed the treaty as a blueprint for a European super-state could not have followed the negotia-tions or read the treaty with care, he told Conservatives in

> Smith battle, page 6 Leading article, page 13

Gay role in legal cases examined by police

By KERRY GILL

HOMOSEXUALS in the Scottish legal profession may have interfered with the course of justice and laid themselves open to blackmail, according to a confidential report by Lothian and Borders police.

The report, compiled for Sir William Sutherland, the Chief Constable, was ordered after Tam Dalyell, Labour MP for Linlithgow. raised fears that the existence of homosexual relationships could have influenced decisions in several cases during the past four years. The report names a High Court judge, two sheriffs, senior lawyers, businessmen and convicted criminals.

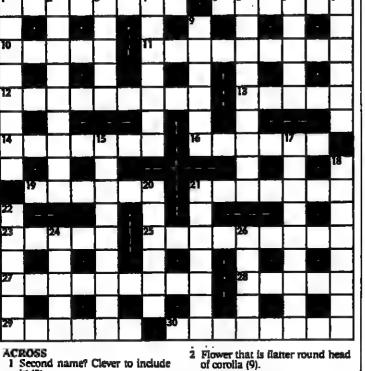
One case detailed in the 11page report involved alleged embezzlement at a Scottish legal firm. After another enquiry, detailed in the report,
47 out of 57 charges brought
in a "rent boy" investigation
in Edinburgh were withdrawn shortly before the trial began, surprising the police, who were told it was no longer policy to prosecute consenting homosexual conduct with persons under 18.

Another enquiry concerned allegations that a sheriff had been photographed in homosexual acts.

The report says: "The inference is one of a well-established circle of homosexual persons in Edinburgh with influence in the justiciary who may, or may not, have exercised that influence but who have formed associations which in themselves lay them open to threats or blackmail.

"It may well be the case that homosexuality per se is no longer considered detrimental to the standing of a person holding public office. However, the circumstances set out in this report indicate that homosexuality may well have been used as a means to seriously interfere with the administration of justice," the confidential report says.

THE TIMES CROSSWORD NO 19,022



1 Second name? Clever to include

5 Epic work in "The Sword", say

10 Dish that is diced first . . . (5) 11 ... and an Eastern dish some-times preferred to sultanas? (9)

12 Thrush found in a picnic-ham-13 White poplar Lincoln presented to the French (5).
14 One brought up by the court (7).
16 Near-elite city of Bocotia (6).

19 Arrogant expression of contempt after being at university? (6). 21 This new clothing may help to

settle the issue (7). 23 Go out clothed in gold for so long

25 Worthy, like Barrie's manservant

27 Eastern part of Longton, pos-

28 One in body of church is un-29 Due at job-centre. of course (6). 30 Go over par, perhaps, with a 26 Hastily prepare for low approach tennis stroke? (4-4).

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Solution to Puzzle No 19,021 DNCEINAWAY IBIS K O N R N A L ANNODOMINI LIVE LEASURE PREFAB U M F M E SLOOMY GLASSFUL Having something in mind, one

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Offence taken as card-game is cut short (5). 8 Side appearing one by one (6). Modern scriptures concealed?

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... found to be less habit-forming (9). 18 Unusual tree fern is the object of discussion (8). 20 Dr Arnold, for example, ad-

vanced without compromise (4-21 Creature, upside down on top of roost, is not turbulent (7).

22 See'skipper run after ball (6). 24 Topping stuff for cold symptoms? (5).

> Concise Crossword, page 14 Weekend Times section

Solution to Puzzle No 19,016

MANPOWER G I N G H A ONEHORSE G I G I R O O I W WELLIES CHINOOK

SINECURE THETER PARKER A prize of a superb Parker Duofold International Fountain Pen, with an 18 carat gold nib and fully guaranteed for the lifetime of the original owner will be given for the first five correct solutions opened next Thursday. Entries should be addressed to: The Times, Saturday Crossword Competition, PO Box 486, Virginia Street, London E1 9DD. The winners and solution will be published next Saturday.

By Philip Floward SYNECDOCHE b. Part for whole c. Juternal rhyming SYLLEPSIS

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England and Wales will be mainly dry with sunny spells.

Northern Ireland will have early showers, followed by rain, which will spread to Wales, southern Scotland, northern England and the north Midlands by evening. Showers and sunny intervals will continue over north and west Scotland, with gales in the north. Outlook: further rain in northern regions. Mainly dry with sunny intervals in the South.

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the troops deployed on the

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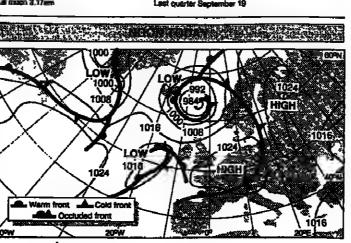
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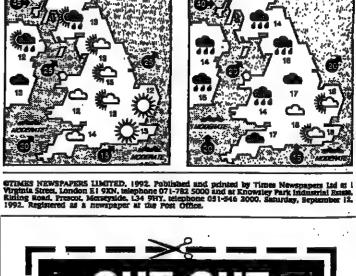
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SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 12 1992

BUSINESS EDITOR JOHN BELL

-WEEKEND-MONEY

Profile

● FOCUS 25-27

John Cahill, chairman of British Aerospace, is a mass of contradictions. He says he loves words and communica-tion, but hates small talk and is often happiest on his own. He has three daughters, has been happily married for 36 years and his sole sibling is female, yet he says he feels uncomfortable in the company of women Page 19



THE pound ended a third

week of turmoil in the cur-rency markets close to its absolute floor in the ex-change-rate mechanism, de-

spite the prime minister's forceful commitment to cur-

rent parities and fresh

confirmation that inflation is

on a steady downward

At the official 4pm London

close, sterling was at DM2.7881, a fraction over a

pfennig above its lowest per-mitted limit, having climbed comfortably above

DM2.7900 during the morn-

ing as the dollar started to

regain ground against the

The strengthening dollar was the main feature of for-

eign exchange markets, awak-

ening hopes that the US currency has overcome its

record weakness and it set to

climb strongly against the mark. Against the pound, it closed at \$1.9342 in London,

RETAIL price inflation last month slowed to an annual

3.6 per cent, the lowest since

March 1988, according to the

latest official figures, which

provided further evidence that

government policy is success-

continued gloom about the

prospects of recovery after two

years of recession. Annual inflation in Britain remains

marginally higher than in

Germany. City economists, however, are convinced that the months ahead will see

headline inflation in Britain

undershoot the German rate.

John Major, the prime minister, pledged on Thursday to

stick firmly by his tight mone-

tary policy, arguing that the

inflationary option would be a betrayal of Britain's future.

The retail price index, the covernment's main measure

of inflation, rose 0.1 per cent

between July and August, the

smallest monthly increase for

a decade, after a 0.2 per cent

increase in July. Annual infla-

tion in July was 3.7 per cent. Underlying inflation, which

excludes mortgage interest rates, slowed from 4.4 per cent

fully curbing inflation. But the progress on the inflation front comes amid

mark.

Card deal

Credit card transactions overseas are not afforded the same egal protection that exists for domestic purchases. In the UK, card issuers are liable to repay any loss of more than . Page 23

Savers' friend

in an experiment, National Savings is writing to selected investors advising them that matured certificates attract a lower rate of interest than those that have not yet matured Page 23

Hopeful stock market rises 30 points

Sterling fails

to respond as

dollar rallies

up more than four cents from

the previous finish. This

dragged down sterling's trade-weighted index 0.6 to 91.5.

The dollar's resurgence boosted the stock market, with

the FT-SE 100 index closing

30.3 up, just below its best of

the day at 2,370.9. Blue chips

led the way higher, especially

from translations back into

Despite the hope that the firmer dollar would reduce tensions between the ERM

currencies, the Bundesbank,

the Bank of Italy and the Belgian central bank were

again forced to intervene heavily in defence of the lira.

which remained pinned to its floor of 765.40 to the mark.

Dealers estimated that the

equivalent of £500 million was

April 1988. The Central Sta-

tistical Office said falls in

petrol and gas prices in August helped to offset increases

in the price of household

A cut in mortgage interest rates in August last year fell

out of the year-on-year

Industry survey, issued on Thursday, was the latest indi-

cator of lower inflation in the months ahead. It showed that

the distributive trades' expec-

tations of higher prices are at

their weakest since the survey

The Treasury welcomed yes-

terday's figures as excellent

news and said the underlying

rate inflation was on a down-

ward trend and set to fall further. The Budget forecast was for annual inflation of

3.75 per cent in the final

Adam Cole, economist at

James Capel, said the most

encouraging thing about the figures was that they were showing slowing inflation in

the service sector, which previ-

ously showed little response to

the counter-inflationary pres-

sures that have subdued infla-

A Confederation of British

goods and some foods.

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began in 1983.

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used to prop up the lira. The dollar gained three prennigs to DM 1.4420 early

Inflation slows to

lowest since 1988

BY OUR ECONOMICS CORRESPONDENT

big dollar earners who become more competitive with a strong currency and benefit



recovery was aided by rioting

continuing in eastern Germany and disappointing

German economic trade data.
Having failed to lift the
pound with a £7.3 billion
package of borrowing to boost

sterling's defences, and repeated pledges on policy, including John Major's firm

commitment to the ERM on

Thursday, the government is turning to global cooperation

Britain is trying to organise more international efforts to

"bring currencies closer in line

with economic fundamen-

tals", an official phrase for

seeking world support for the

pound, lira and other curren-

cies beleaguered in the ERM

The British campaign will reach its critical point in Washington next weekend,

when finance ministers and

central bankers from the G7

industrialised countries confer

at the annual meeting of the

The meeting, which takes place a day before the French

referendum on Maastricht

will concentrate on concrete

steps that could be taken to

move currencies closer to their

fundamentals and to deal with

the problem of weak economic

activity around the world.

Officials said Mr Lamont had

secured the agreement of oth-

er finance ministers to focus

next Saturday's G7 meeting

more closely than usual on a

narrow agenda, limited to key

policy issues, instead of draft-

ing long communiques for

Although officials said there

were no plans for any further

meetings of finance ministers

after the results of the referen-

dum are known on Sunday

night, contingency plans to underpin the financial mar-

kets in the event of a no vote

are figuring high in the think-

ing of finance ministries and

four key issues that Britain

would be bringing to the G7's

attention: the disappointingly weak levels of activity in most

leading economies; the inap-propriate mix between fiscal

and monetary policies in some

countries, which is widely seen

nomic fundamentals.

Officials said there were

central banks.

public consumption.

World Bank and IMF.

because mark strength.

to restore currency calm.

Wider role

Borrowers who feel they have been wrongly persuaded to take out a certain type of mortgage or unsecured bank or building society loan have little redress under present regulations. Jean Eaglesham, head of money policy at the Consumers' Association, says that recent problems with home income plans, where elderly people on fixed incomes were granted mortgages, suggest home loans should be brought within the scope of the Financial Ser-



Rates fear

The new tough line on mortgage indemnity cover adopted by insurers could mean higher interest rates. It will also prevent a number of lenders from servicing first-

Tumbling down

The property slump claimed more victims yesterday as Tarmac, the building materials group, announced that it is to close eight factories, four of them brick factories, at a cost



Protectors

Four years after the Financial Services Act, investor protec-tion is to be radically overhauled. Consumer bodies say that new proposals may still

Miners call for block on contracts

By PATRICIA TEHAN

BRITAIN'S miners have appealed to John Major, the prime minister, to block new coal contracts, which, they say, will do irreparable damage to

win do irreparable damage to their industry.

Roy Lynk, president and general secretary of the Union of Democratic Mineworkers, yesterday, asked Mr Major "to be fair to British miners" and to give them the opportunity to be the best in Europe. "We can do it without financial help"

Mr Lynk urged Mr Major to back the UDM's calls for a European energy policy, based on European coal. He said British coal was already 50 per cent cheaper than European coal and blamed cheap imports from North and South America for depressing prices.

National Power and Power-Gen, the power generators, are set to sign the contracts next week. The government is believed to have approved the March, for 40 million tonnes of coal for the first two years and 30 million from the third year, compared with 65 million this year.

The reduction is likely to mean the loss of between 35,000 and 45,000 jobs and the closure of 35 of Britain's 50 deep mines.

John Meads, general secretary of British Association of Colliery Management, criticised Britain's "dash for ga and the likely inclusion of an official go-ahead for further investment in natural gas power stations in the coal

Some of Britain's big energy users have also expressed their dismay over the new contracts. They say gas is more expensive

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guaranteed by the state, and mainly sold to British investors. The banks funded the local railroad but soon went bust leaving the state with an embarrassing burden. After several promises to the contrary, the state defaulted on the bonds in 1841. To make matters final, the state wrote into section 258 of its constitution in 1875 that the bonds

Among the original victims

Established and the second of the second of

How right he was. Almost a

hands are tied by their constitution. David Barry, a Guernsey businessman, says there is a good chance he can overturn the offending clause in the constitution which he claims is immoral and illegal. He is supported in the action by Paul Seabrook, a stockbroker from Daiwa Europe. The original bonds were

only worth \$7 million, and carried interest rates of up to 6 per cent. The accrued interest however is now worth up to ten times the face value. investors who fancy a punt



of the QE2, the Cunard liner that suffered damage to its keel off the north east coast of America five weeks ago. The cost of the repairs and the resulting loss of revenues is expected to reach £30 million

Cookie war bites

into UB BY MICHAEL TATE

A PRICE war in the American "cookie and cracker" markets sent profits of Keebler, the US arm of United Biscuits, crashing by 59 per cent in the first half of 1992, leaving UB group profits £14.4 million lower at £70 million. Keebler's depressing perfor-

mance reflected its attempts to combat fierce price-cutting by much of the competition, and a recession-driven preference by consumers for cheaper products. Sales held steady, both in volume and value, at £509 million, but margins more than halved from 5.6 to 2.4 per cent, and profits crumbled from £29.7 million to £12.1 million.

Robert Clarke, UB chairman, said Keebler was responding by cutting costs. increasing marketing spending and moving into the US own-label market.

In the UK McVitie's, with just under 46 per cent of the biscuit market, KP Foods, Ross Young's and Terry's all maintained or improved profits, while in continental Europe, sales improved by 15 per cent and trading profits rose by 16 per cent.

as the main cause of high German and European interest rates; the outlook for world Earnings per share, fully diluted, are 2p lower at 9.6p a share, but the interim diviinterest rates; and the need for exchange rates to reflect ecodend is being held at 5.5p a

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National Savings receipts slide

NATIONAL Savings suffered a huge drop in receipts during August after the government bowed to demands by the building societies to cut the interest rate on its new First Option bond.

Net receipts plunged to £126 million, roughly a quar-ter of July's £481 million. The July figure, the highest for eight years, were inflated by the near-£300 million attracted into the First Option bond. National Savings said the

lower figure for August was

also due to the withdrawal wanted National Savings to from sale of three products the 37th issue certificate, children's bonus bonds issue B and capital bonds series D. The replacement issues were not available until August 26.

Most other products also suffered rate cuts. These were prompted by an unexpectedly high level of receipts in the first four months of the financial year. National Savings said. Although the Chancellor of the Exchequer had made it

raise more money, a spokeswoman claimed: "He had not been thinking in terms of £2.2 billion in just four months." She added that the enormous popularity of the bonds indicated that interest rates were over-generous.

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National Savings contributed £259 million to government funding last month, including accrued interest of £133 million. The highest net addition was contributed by clear in the Budget that he First Option at £144 million.

Stock markets, page 20 to 4.2 per cent, the lowest since . tion elsewhere. Gambling on old man river to pay up BY NEIL BENNETT

A GUERNSEY businessmen and a City stockbroker have joined forces to sue the state of Mississippi and force it to honour bonds on which it defaulted 151 years ago.

The European Association of Mississippi Bondholders started legal action against the state governor and four senior officials last week to force them to amend the state constitution and repay up to \$60 million in debt and unpaid interest.

The action is the latest in the longest-running sovereign debt crisis in history, and the association is fighting where investors such as William Wordsworth and the Prince of Monaco tried and failed.

The bonds were issued by the Mississippi Union Bank and the Planters Bank of would never be repaid. Mississippi in the 1830s,



of the crash were Wordsworth and his family. In 1843, he wrote to a member of the Mississippi legislature condemning the state's "shameless dishonesty" and calling for rapid repayment. Even then he noted sadly that two holders, his uncle and aunt, "may both be in their graves before it comes".

century later the Prince of Monaco took up the cause in

the supreme court, only to be defeated on a technicality. Since then, Mississippi offici-als have always said their

can even join this quixotic venture. The bonds are prized collectors items and a \$1,000 bond should cost about £130. If the action succeeds, the returns will be phenomenal. If not, holders will still own a

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Construction slump forces Tarmac to close plants

BY MARTIN WALLER, DEPUTY CITY EDITOR

THE chill wind of recession blowing through the building materials industry produced further victims yesterday as Tarmac announced the closure of eight plants, at a cost of 300 jobs, and Evered Bardon, Britain's biggest quarrying group, published a depressing

set of figures.

Tarmac is closing four brick factories with a total capacity of 100 million bricks, at Bothwell Park, in Scotland, Campbell, in Derbyshire, Kibblesworth, in the North East, and Severn Valley, in Avon. A further four concrete block plants, at Nuneaton, West Midlands. Morrinton, in Scotland, and Fleet and

Co-op Bank rebounds to £3.5m

BY NEIL BENNETT BANKING CORRESPONDENT

A RADICAL cost-cutting programme and rising income helped the Co-operative Bank bounce back into profits in the first half of the year despite a rise in bad debt provisions.

The bank made pre-tax profit of £3.5 million, against £700,000 last time. In the second half last year, it dropped into losses of £6.7 million because of heavy bad debts and reorganisation costs.

John Marper, finance director, said bad debt provisions were about £20 million, 20 per cent higher than a year ago but £5 million lower than the second half of last year, due to

tighter credit vetting.
The bank boosted operating profit 12 per cent to almost £24 million despite a fall in retail lending, which was £1.5 billion at the end of the half.

The boost came from increased commissions from the bank's insurance and advisory services and its Visa card

Mr Marper said that the bank had held the rise in costs to within inflation.

Bracknell, in the South, will also close. Thirty seven per cent of brick-making capacity will therefore close, while concrete block production will reduce from 16 million sq m to a little over 13 million.

The swingeing rationalisation is a response to severe overcapacity in the building materials industry. Neville Simms, appointed chief executive earlier this year, said: "We do not expect to lose market share and look to our competitors to follow this strong lead in reducing industry capacity in line with both current and

foreseeable market demand." Tarmac, along with most other industry commentators, does not expect construction markets to improve in the short term, and only slowly

thereafter.
Mark Gibbon, construction analyst at Barclays de Zoete Wedd, said: "It's the most significant move Neville Simms has made so far. It has come to grips with what we believe is the truth of the industry. There is whopping overcapacity to be addresse

The company took an £18 million provision at the end of 1991 to cover restructuring and expects this sum to cover the latest closures.

Tarmac has been hit as badly as any of the big builders because of heavy debts run up in the boom years. Interim figures are due on September 22, and the stock market is expecting a £15 million loss, in contrast to an £18.2 million profit last time.

Also labouring under a heavy debt burden is Evered Bardon. Interest payments of £8.8 million left pre-tax profits at £4.6 million (£10.3 million) for the six months to end-June. The dividend is cut from 1.935p to 0.8p.

Peter Torn, the chief executive, said the group was "rea-sonably confident" about volumes for the rest of the year in Britain, given the strong bias in profits towards the second half of the year. Evered is also hopeful of a gradual uptum in America.



"Worst depression for some decades": Sir Lewis Robertson, chairman of Lilley

Lilley moves to bolster shares

BY OUR CITY STAFF

LILLEY, the Glasgow construction company, rushed out results yesterday, five weeks early, after its share price fell to 3p overnight. The shares dipped from 20p to 10p several weeks ago. Bob Rankin, chief executive, said: This seemed the best way to

the half year to end-June helped raise pre-tax profits

from £1.7 million to £2 million. But the 1p half-year dividend has been passed and the board says the dividend policy will be considered after the full-year results are studied. Passing the dividend saves £2 million, which left Lilley with a retained profit of

A fall in interest charges in almost £600,000. The shares rose 14p to 84p. Sir Lewis Robertson, the

chairman, said: "From the standpoint of the construcpression is the worst for some

£400,000 from £2.7 million.

tion sector, the present dedecades: Lilley suffers as others do from the result of this." Contracting sales fell 5 per cent to £117 million and

operating profits dipped 45 Property development and housebuilding cut losses to

consider the possible desirabil- tional Anti-Trust Conference at Robinson College, Cambridge, that a duopoly, competition between two firms, "can be a particularly unsatisfactory arrangement" because uniform behaviour tended to

> cently led him to refer the distribution of newspapers to the MMC.

JIB gives warning of full-year slippage

By JONATHAN PRYNN INSURANCE CORRESPONDENT

A COMBINATION of weak market conditions and adverse interest and exchange rate movements has undermined the second-half prospects for JIB Group, the insurance broker that came to the market through an offer for sale last November.

Shares in JIB slipped 2p to 117p, compared with a flotation price of 195p, on a statement from the company that its full-year earnings "wil fall short of earlier hopes".

JIB was reporting interim pre-tax profits for the half year to end-June of £10.7 million (£11.1 million). The figures are not directly comparable because of the restructuring of the company prior to floration. JIB is paying a debut interim dividend of 2.5p and has fore-cast an unchanged 5p final.

Brokerage revenues were slightly up, but lower interest rates and the collapse of the dollar reduced income by £2.5 million, leaving first half turn-over up only £1.4 million 'at

Rodney Leach, the chairman, said there had been no improvement in premium rates in the US, the group's biggest market, where the results were "disappointing". In the London market, reinsurance earnings were down but international wholesale performed ahead of 1991. Operations in the Pacific basin continued to grow strongly. JLUA, the company's Lloyd's members agency, was unprofitable during the first half.

On the prospects for the future. Mr Leach said: "The foundations have been laid for renewed growth as soon as markets recover."

Speyhawk bank talks to continue

By JON ASHWORTH

SPEYHAWK, the debt-laden property company, made a trading loss of nearly £10 million in the six months to end-March, and is likely to remain in talks with its bankers until Christmas.

struggling since April to renegotiate debts of £300 million with a consortium of 46 banks led by Barclays and Citibank. Trevor Osborne, chairman and founder, said the end was in sight but admitted it had been a difficult year. He said: "It is tough and it has taken a long, long time, but we will get there. I'm determined that Speyhawk will be a survivor." Trading losses of £9.54 mil-lion (£10.6 million), represented provisions for interest on loans. Turnover collapsed from £42.5 million to £10.7 million because of poor lettings and weak sales. There

is again no dividend.
The shares eased 1p to 5 hp. The letting market, particularly for office space in London,

remains oversupplied. Speyhawk made a pre-tax loss of £216.8 million for the year to end-September, 1991.

Nestlé grows but warns against weaker dollar

NESTLE, the world's largest food group, reported a 16.8 per cent rise in net profits to SFr1.18 billion (£475 million) for the first six months of the year, but warned that profits developments would depend on the dollar not falling further. Business is expected to be satisfactory this year with sales growth possibly rising in the second half from the first half's 13.3 per cent to SFr26.29 billion.

"If, however, the influence of the currency evolution should continue to be as negative as it has been since the end of June

and during the months of July and August, this ... might slow the profit growth rate reported for the first semester for the whole of the year," Nestle said. The dollar had traded at an average SFr1.47 from January to June 1992, but at SFr 1.43 in June alone. In June last year, the average rate was SFr1.53. The evolution of exchange rates contributed to the sales increase in the first half because the weakness of the dollar only became apparent at the end of the period.

Macfish sale agreed

ASSOCIATED Fisheries and Geest have agreed to sell Macfish, their 50-50 joint venture in seafood processing, to Denmark's Foodmark for £9.16 million. Macfish, based in Fraserburgh, Grampian, was formed in February 1990, when AF merged its DA Macrae subsidiary with the Macfisheries business of Geest. In 1991, Macfish incurred a pre-tax loss of £801,000 on turnover of £46.5 million. Associated said cash realised from this disposal would be used to reduce short-term borrowings and to finance future

Berkertex unit sold

FIFTH Avenue, a London retailer owned by Berkertex, the dress and bridalwear group that went into receivership last friday, has been sold to management, saving 30 jobs. The purchaser is a company set up by Paul Fabian and Brian Worth, part of the senior management of Fifth Avenue, which supplies the fashion, mail order trade. Berkertex went into receivership after a long period of falling sales. Christopher Morris and Roger Powdrill, of Touche Rost, laint administration receivers. joint administrative receivers, hope to sell other Berkertex businesses as going concerns.

EIT seeks £1.9m

EIT Group, the information technology company, is raising £1.9 million through a rights issue. The company proposes to buy Second City Systems, one of the largest Apple computer dealers in Britain, with outlets in Birmingham, Manchester and Swindon. EIT is offering two new shares for every five held, at 17p each, Existing shares were unchanged at 20p. The company will also issue seven warrants for every tenrights issue shares taken up — entitling investors to subscribe for one new ordinary share at 17p in 1993. Full subscription would raise an additional £1.5 million.

Morgan Stanley ahead

MORGAN Stanley Group, the American merchant bank, said second-quarter net income rose on a strong market for its underwriting services. The company earned \$1.19.0 million, or \$1.36 a share, on net revenues of \$764.1 million in the quarter to end-July, compared with \$100.9 million, or \$1.26 a share, on \$669.1 million in the 1991 second quarter. Underwriting was up, based on growth in its high-yield debt. mortgage-backed debt and equity underwriting services. But combined revenues in trading, commissions and net interest declined on fixed income and commodities.

Arcadian cuts losses

THERE is still no dividend from Arcadian International, the leisure property management group, but losses were sharply reduced to £853,000 (£3.68 million) in the year ended last April and the balance sheet has been strengthened. Sir Peter Parker, the chairman, says the results reflect the continuing strong progress made in the group's European leisure operations. Arcadian is project manager of two expanding French hotels, the El Zaudin golf and country club development in Spain and the Mentmore gold complex in Suchinghamshire where it has a 9 near over equity stake. Buckinghamshire where it has a 9 per cent equity stake.

Swallowfield pays same

SWALLOWFIELD, the manufacturer of personal care products, said sales and profits were running below expectations because of depressed consumer demand. The interim dividend is maintained at 2.2p despite a decline in profits from £804,000 before tax to £421,000 in the half year to mid-June, reducing earnings from 4.6p a share to 2.2p. Turnover fell from £9.5 million to £8.6 million and operating profits from £1.06 million to £6.7 000. Interest charges were profits from £1.06 million to £677.000. Interest charges were £256,000 (£253,000). Last month Parbel, a Belgian manufacture of cosmetics, was bought for £925,000.

THE SUNDAY TIMES After falling victim to

British business history, many Maxwell pensioners and creditors fear they are now the centre of another thriving but threatening industry.

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SIR Bryan Carsberg, director general of the Office of Fair Trading, has outlined his detthe worst fraud in ermination to put consumers'

interests first, and called on the monopolies and mergers commission to recommend remedies such as price capping or divestment where needed to ensure competition. Lawyers in Britain and In his first public speech America are coining since moving from his job as fees out of the Maxwell telecommunications regulator in July, Sir Bryan said he was concerned about the inertia. surrounding the improvement

of competition and threatened

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"a more radical approach" in future. As director general of Oftel, Sir Bryan was renowned for his tough approach to introducing competition to BT.
He said: "Lessons from the

successes of the regulation of privatised utilities may be relevant for the more general kinds of monopoly references investigated by the MMC." He gave a warning that the

MMC investigation of British Gas, which will look at the supply, transportation and storage of gas "is likely to

ity of divestment". Calling for a rethink on

OFT chief pledges to put consumers first

By PATRICIA TEHAN

licensing laws, he said: "The ownership of pubs by brewers might be viewed with less concern if licensing laws allowed more open entry."
He said a decision by a

professional body to raise the pass level in examinations because enough suppliers existed "should be questioned if membership of the association is a requirement for effective operation". Sir Bryan told the Interna-

emerge, as with a monopoly. and there was, therefore, no competition. He expressed concern about firms that use their position to exclude others from entering a market. Such a concern re-

US eats into United Biscuits' margins

half performance is that a group so respected for its management qualities can have allowed the American Keebler business to fade quite so badly when it was able to cope so admirably UB's explanation is that it

in the UK, and a long way back as number two, like Recoler. On both sides of the Atlantic, sales stood still. The difference was that in Britain the group was able to

reflects the difference be-

tween being a strong num-

ber one in the market, as it is

improve profit margins, without losing business to its rivals, while in America they more than halved, as mangement fought to hold on to market share. Keebler's margins fell from 5.6 to 2.4 per cent, with

prices unable to match cost inflation, and more funds were pumped into product promotion.

Rarely can the group have more usefully done with a strong performance from McVite's and KP, and never can conditions have left them worse-placed to respond, while the promising continental activities are as term growth prospects again original merger early, last yet too small to make a leaves UB vulnerable to bid year than in the parlous state



Profits tumble: Peter Tom, left, and William McGrath, of Evered Bardon

have come full-year profit projections, to £160 million pre-tax (£211 million). Some capital expenditure is being sacrificed to ensure that the current cash outflow is checked next year, although interest cover is healthy enough at just under six THE root of Evered times. The dividend looks safe enough, too.

But the absence of short-

significant impact. Down speculation, which was partly responsible for yesterday's share price rally. Without a bid, 259p, or about 12 times carnings, looks high enough

Evered Bardon

Bardon's problems lies more in the rapid over-expansion by one of the parties to the

of the industry. It is a sign of the times, and of the company's financial difficulties, that the previous finance director, whose strength was acquisitions, has been replaced by William McGrath, a flak-catching former merchant banker.

Evered has net borrowings of £236 million, against a net asset value in the last accounts of £366 million. Intertimes in the first half of 1991

profits tumbled from £10.3 million to only £4.6 million.

Shareholders, who have seen the price slump from

87p in May to 27p yesterday, will have to rely on assur-ances that the sale of some American businesses, can be achieved by the year end. The group should then he cashpositive on the operating level, Peter Tom, chief executive, forecasts.

Evered's core businesses in Britain and America have performed tolerably, even though volumes are down as much as 30 per cent in some

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ing out in the form of dividends by the year end. Evered has grasped the familiar nettle for building materials firms and slashed the half-way dividend, and a similar outturn for the full

de Zoete Wedd, after a raft of downgradings for builders. this week, expects Evered to make £10 million pre-tax this year, putting the shares on a forward multiple of 24.5. About all that is supporting them is the continuing hope.

MIFKE

But cash will still be flow-

prospective yield of 11.4. Mark Gibbon, at Barclays

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bid. Best avoided

BUSINESS PROFILE: John Cahill

Tough-talking loner with no fear of flying

Carol Leonard finds the chairman of British Aerospace identifying with the high-flyers at Farnborough Air Show

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four months chairman of British Aerospace, Britain's biggest exporter of manufactured goods, watched in fascination as the jers circled high above his head at Farnborough Air Show this week, he identified far more closely with the pilots performing those gravity-defying feats than they could ever have realised. Cahill, head tilted back would have been grateful that engine noise had temporarily prohibited all conversation. A self-confessed loner, who finds small talk difficult —"I loathe cocktail parties and my idea of a complete turn-off would be to go to a night club" — he is, he says, often happier in solitude than in quasi-social settings.

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On this occasion in particular he, more than most other observers, would have appreciated the painstaking preparations each pilot had made, the split-second accuracy

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A reduction in life expectancy might not be one of the issues pronounced K-hill — has to face but, in all other respects, the analogy with his own job would have been clear. It is almost exactly a year since British Aerospace's £437 million rights issue flopped and Cahill's predecessor. Professor Sir Roland Smith was ousted.

Profits fell 60 per cent, to £150 million last year, redundancies have reduced employee numbers from 135,000 to 116,000, but the recession, coupled with the ongoing effect of the sterling crisis — British Aerospace's four main activities are. after all. Rover cars, Arlington, the property developer, Royal Ordnance and aerospace mean that a further 20,000 job losses are scheduled and profits this year are expected to remain flat. Cahill, 62, invested £180,000 of his

s John Cahill, for the past own money in 50,000 British Aerospace shares when he began his new job and has since seen the value of that investment halve. His £450,000 salary aside, he seems remarkably unperturbed by the loss. He accepts that he must have one of the least enviable and most challenging jobs in British industry, but there appears to be no trace of doubt in his mind that he will achieve his objectives.

"I took a five-year assignment here and I have an agenda that I believe I can do in five years," he says. "In fact I don't think it will actually take five years. The change will be evolutionary rather than revolutionary but 1993 will prove to be a new beginning for this company." One of those objectives, he says, is to transform British Aerospace from an income stock yielding 17 per cent to a growth stock. "Sales are fine. We could even afford to shed a bit of sales, but

we have got to get cash positive, get costs down, and inevitably that means more jobs will go. We're not talking about blue collar jobs, but middle management, because we are reshaping the company in a different configu-

ration. Each business is now writing a business plan and that means we can identify precisely where

As for criticism that Cahill - the former chief executive of BTR and one of the so-called "gang of four" who turned BTR into a text-book corporate success story - knows nothing about the aerospace industry, he insists this is an advantage. am not yet so in love with aeroplanes that I see them as an end in themselves. To me they are a means to an end." he savs.

Such tough, direct talk is typical of Cahill. That style of speech, together with his physical appearance — 6ft 4inches tall, broad shouldered, thick wavy grey hair and metal rimmed half-moon spectacles - can make him intimidating. Those who have worked alongside him warn less experienced colleagues not to be taken in by his relaxed, personable and



Hands on: John Cahill, the BAe chief, who prides himself on rarely sending memorandums

often humorous manner. He might appear easy going, softly spoken and as if he has all the time in the world, but nothing could be further from the truth. Like his Irish Catholic father, Cahill has a volatile temper - "But I have learnt to control it now and I never hold grudges" - his thoroughness and attention to detail is legendary, and he describes his obsession with punctuality as a fetish.

"I cannot stand being late. I will get to Heathrow two hours before a flight. If I didn't I would get so nervous that my constitution wouldn't be able to stand it. It's a weakness I've got. I always arrive half an hour early for meetings, and sit in the car doing some work. Even at school (St Paul's) if a class started at 9am I would be there at five to nine. And I don't like it if people are late for me. I think that's

the rudest thing you can do." Cahill will then explain that the discipline was instilled in him at boarding school. "I was sent away when I was nine-years-old and I would not recommend-it. Even if you absohutely detest a child, don't do it. It is so lonely. I used to sit in my room for hours and look out at a line of trees that were just like the trees I could see from my room at home. It was a very tough regime and I was pretty unhappy. No, I didn't cry. If I had, I wouldn't have been here

He was, he says, bearen regular-ly. "Every weekend the master would say 'choose a cane Cahill'. The thin ones stung and the thick ones just hurt. It quickly ceased to be a deterrent. A master once wrote in my school report: Teaching this boy is a nightmare'." With the exception of his eldest daughter

Karen, 30, who went to a stage school, Cahill's own children -Ann, 28 and Mary, 26 - were sent to day schools. "We laid down the same ground rules for them. like the importance of honesty in every sense," he says. "But I also wanted to give them the material things I had never had, not because my parents did not have the money but because you could not get toys and fountain pens. I wanted to give them a car and buy them somewhere to live. I gave rather than lent. You cannot borrow from an Irishman. An Irishman gives money to you, but he will also expect you to give him money when he is broke." But Cahill would never need to borrow. "I have never had an overdraft," he admits.

"I have always saved. And I always like to pay bills as soon as they arrive. My father never saved

and perhaps I reacted against that." For all his father's so-called spendthrift ways, Cahill was born into a comfortable middle-class home in Ruislip and later moved to Holland Park. His father, whom Cahill describes as an entrepreneur, was one of the founders of Blue Circle cement, then bought and operated the franchise for Schapirelli's Shocking perfume. and ended up working for a merchant bank. Cahill, persuaded to follow in his fathers footsteps, left school at 17 and went to work for a

He does not, he says, regret not going to university, but says he does wish he had a discipline. "I would have liked to have been a barrister. I love anything to do with words and communication." To this day he prides himself on rarely sending memorandums. "I sit down and talk to people. If I have to send you a memo, then I've got a real communication problem," Cahill's City career ended in redundancy and as he hands out P45's to the next 20,000 BAe employees, they might take comfort from knowing that he too has been in that position. He wrote to 300 companies before landing a job as a conveyor belt salesman with

BTR in 1955. An Irishman His father was horrified. But gives money to Cahill describes it as the most enjoy-able job he has you, but he will ever had. Success expect you to has brought the give him money financial security Cahill so obviouswhen he is broke ly craved, but he creates the im-

pression that from all outwardly visible standpoints he has not changed. When it comes to spending on himself he is far from generous, priding himself on paying £130 for suits in the Far East. He has three houses -Kensington, Rhode Island and Florida - but explains that is because of the property slump and says he hopes the Rhode Island home has now been sold.

He is not "a champagne and caviar man," and dislikes long business lunches - "I've only had two since I arrived here, I usually have a sandwich at my desk. You are away for two-and-a-half hours and not only do they break your stride but in that time the world could have caved in." Cahill's attitude to friendship is

as sparing as his approach to money. "I think if you have two or three friends in your life you are doing well." Of his "two or three" one is a teacher, another a welder

worked with Cahill for seven years at BTR in America. Clark is the one person who broke Cahill's golden rule of never having friends among the people with whom he works, on the ground that he might have to sack them.

Clark recalls Cahill as being

very demanding to work for, but very fair. He expects a day's work for a day's pay. He is tough but not ruthless. If someone is not doing their job properly he will simply say goodbye to them but I have never seen him do anything in business that was not proper. He would never cut corners with products." Clark agrees that Cahill is anything but osteniatious. "Having the fanciest house or car in town is not important to him. His company car up until he left BTR was a 1982 Mercedes." Now Cahill drives a Rover. Cahill will, however, hoth deny that he has any liberal tendencies. "I'm a republican, right of centre but not right of Genghis Khan. I think there are too many monopolies in this country. There should be more competition in the utilities and communications," As for the economy, he admits that he is "seriously worned, because once

economies go into freefall it's damned hard to catch them" and he predicts that the ERM will eventually be disbanded, thereby allowing interest rates to fall. True to his Irish ancestry, Cahill loves to talk, but as he does so he reveals contradictions. A

breathless conversationalist, who, at the same time, hates small talk and enjoys being alone. A man who dislikes public displays of wealth, and an upright, decent and honorable man, who places great store in mutual trust and loyalty. insisting in the next breath that he is wholly unsentimental. "I always forget birthdays and anniver-saries."

The most surprising revelation. however, is that Cahill, who has just one sibling — a sister — three daughters and has been happily married for 36 years to his Italian wife, Vanna, feels shy with women. There are no female directors at BAe. "I would find it very hard to work with a lady," he admits with characteristic honesty. "I just could not relax. In fact if you had been a man I would have been entirely different in my responses." In what way? "Much more aggressive and much more assertive.

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WEEK ENDING Matthew Bond

And a distant band struck up 'Arrivederci Treaty of Roma'

WE join the Eurocurrency Song Contest at a crucial stage. All week, the contest has kept an audience of billions glued to their foreign exchange dealing screens. Now, as the lights dim all over the Continent, the juries are delivering their verdicts to deter-mine who will secure the covered title and become A Currency for Europe.

The tension is electric as Katie Boyle takes centre-stage, more ravishing than ever in a "Channel-designed" evening dress in the subtlest shade of ecu. She handles the complex voting system with her nor-mal, multilingual aplomb. "Thank you for your votes,

Vienna. Muchas gracias y buenas noches." She turns to the camera with a practiced smile. "And now we move to London for the votes of the Weekending jury. Guten abend, Londres. May we have your votes please." As ever there is a lengthy

pause. But, as the first flicker of doubt crosses our hostess's face, the mellifluous tones of your unseen author fill the auditorium.

"Good evening Katie. This is London and here are the votes of the Weekending jury." And here, for you dear reader. is a behind-the-scenes look at just why the London jury voted the way it did.
"Finland. Nil markkas. Sor-

ry Katie - nil point. A brave rendition of that long standing favourite, "Boom, bang-abust", but the disharmonies created by Helsinki's decision to decouple the markka from the ERM jarred with more than just the British jurors. liro Viinanen, who in his spare time is finance minister, fairly belted out the lyric, but the simple fact is that lines like "it would be far too expensive for the country to use up all its reserves to defend the markka" are right out of fashion at the moment. Given the subse-quent devaluation. Finland could well become the first country to finish the contest

with a negative score.



audience, as the London votes keep the highly popular, satinclad chanteuse Anne Wibble at the top of the scoreboard. A last minute change of song from "Money, money, money." to "Waterloo" seems to have paid off for the Swedes. The history book on the shelf may be always repeating itself, but economists have been feverishly flicking through its pages to find the last time overnight deposit rates topped 75 per cent. A catchy, anthem-like song, whose chorus "Woe, woe, woe woe, Waterloo," captures the

"Norway, 17 points." Generous applause for a country attempting to shake off its reputation for finishing last with "nil point". Might have scored more with "Après toi". but for the line "we will do whatever is necessary to maintain the value of the krone" which some jurors took as huge cheer rises from the further evidence that all eurocurrency songs sound the

same these days.
"Italy, 3 points." Guiliano Amato's smooth delivery won over a few admirers but if he does not win tonight he has promised to sing the same song at the next three contests until he does. Some jurors, however, were puzzled by the choice of song for a country with a reputation for changing government on a more or less monthly basis. Still, "Knock. knock, who's there?" has a few lire riding on it, albeit fewer and fewer each minute.

"Germany, 10 points." Would have scored higher, but for the curious decision to enter two versions of the same song. Helmut Kohl's spirited dancing and charming interpretation won a big sympathy vote for "Like a Puppet on a String". But that quickly evaporated after Helmut Schlesinger delivered a discordant cover version "I've Got a

singing a completely different song. One juror swore he heard strains of the old Ashton, Gardner & Dyke favourite "Realignment Shuffle". The backing group denied it.

and 49 against. No I'm sorry Katie, I'll have to update that vote. The Weekending jury is now voting 49 points in favour and 51 votes against." The French could yet regret drop-ping Elisabeth Guigou's breathlessly seductive "Je t'aime (Votez Oui)" but a deliberate auture to en older. deliberate return to an older, nore patriotic era seems to be paying off. "Non, je n'regret rien," could yet swing it — and not just for the French.

"Britain..." Well before giving the vote, it should be painted are then the Work and

pointed out that the Weekending jury is, of course, well acquainted with some of the songs that did not make it to the finals. Eliminated at an early stage was an offering from John Smith and Brian Gould, "Making your mind up." Fatally the pair could

never agree on the words. Nor did the solo effort from Norman Lamont find favour. There was nothing wrong with "You know I'll beg, steal or borrow. To keep your sterling high" - not, at least, the first time. But the endless repetitions were 100 much even for a curocurrency song.

But Mr Lamont fared bener when he teamed up with John Major, little known as a founder member of Middle of the Road. Major and Lamont swept the board in Britain. Could they do the same in Europe?

"Britain, 100 points." Hurrah! Less partial juries are still to vote, but the song looks a winner. That concludes the voting of the Weekending jury." Time then for an early reprise. To a familiar tune

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sorbed Thursday's gains and traders squared positions be-

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the broad market, decliners

held a narrow lead on la

volume of 60 million shares.

"It is really quiet," said one trader, who said investors

were wary that a rally might

not prove sustainable.

Inflation decline cheers equities

DECLINING inflation and a new lease of life for the dollar brought further cheer to equities with prices gaining in strength throughout the day. John Major's reiteration of the government's tough stance on devaluation and another drop in the retail price index to its lowest level for four years. provided the basis for an early mark-up.

Prices continued making headway, even after the pound showed signs of running our of steam against the mark. It was at this point that the dollar took up the running, providing a boost to leading shares. The FT-SE 100 index extended Thursday's lead and closed just below its best of the day with a rise of 30.3 at 2,370.9. Trading proved selective, with only 476 million shares

changing hands. International dollar earners made all the early running. A stronger dollar makes them more competitive and boosts profits when translated back into sterling.

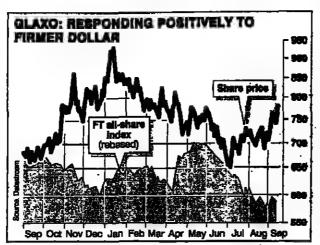
Leading the way was Glazo with a 29p rise to 775p as 5.1 million shares were traded. Others to gain included British Airways, up 8p to 273p, Wellcome, 25p to 873p, Carlton Communications. 15p to 588p, Commercial Union, 16p to 491p, Enterprise Oil, 10p to 327p and Burmah, 12p to 585p.

Half-year figures from United Biscuits were every bit as bad as feared, with pre-tax profits falling 20 per cent to £70 million. The group blamed the setback on America. where prices have been under pressure from increased competition. But the shares rebounded 24p to 259p after the group gave an upbeat statement to analysts.

The drinks sector, however, was flat with Guinness falling 7p to 517p after Cazenove, the company's broker, cut its fore-cast before half-year figures next week. These are expected to show a marginal rise in pretax profits to around £359

Altied-Lyons shed only 1p to 550p despite both County NatWest and Lehman Brothers cutting their profit fore-casts. County is believed to have reduced its number for the current year by £30 million to £643 million and for 1993 by almost £50 million to £710

County has also been making gloomy noises about British Steel, 2p better at 51 ap. It says falling European steel



prices will result in a loss of £50 million this year. It may also force the company to pass the final dividend altogether. Tarmac, the building prod-

programme. The company said the move was necessary because of the slump in the building industry. But it did not expect to lose market

Body Shop fell 7p to 266p as Klehwort Benson, the stockbroker, took a cautious view and urged clients to sell into strength. It says Body Shop's rating demands 20 per cent-plus a year earnings growth over the next five years, which could prove too much in the present economic climate.

ucts group, managed a 3p rise to 59p after announcing the share. Tesco rose 4p to 211p as a large line of stock that had been overhanging the market was cleared. The 5 million closure of four brick factories and four concrete plants as part of major rationalisation shares were placed by Hoare

207p. The shares formed part of a larger parcel of 12.7 million for which the broker had earlier failed to find a

There was also heavy turnover in Asda, with 17 million shares traded as the price firmed 32p to 302p. Investors appear to have been encouraged about prospects in the wake of this week's annual general meeting. They believe that Archie Norman, the new chief executive, is already steering the group back to recovery. But most accept it will still be a long haul.

The power generators con-tinued to make headway amid reports that they had forced British Coal to supply them cheaply. It is hoped such a deal could eventually lead to lower electricity charges. National Power rose another 4p to 261p, for a two-day leap of 30p, while PowerGen firmed 3p to 273p, Scottish Power 2p to 188p and Scottish Hydro 1p to 213p.

LLoyds Bank responded to encouraging words from BZW about above-average dividend growth with a rise of 13p to 411p.

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Investors take profit in Tokyo

SHARES closed sharply lower on futures-linked selling, with the Nikkei index diving 800.78 points, or 4.24 per cent, to 18,107.69. After selling tied to September futures settlement betrayed expectations of a firm start, investors took profits and ran for the sidelines, brokers said. An estimated 700 million shares were traded.

The Nikkei was down 447.61 points, or 2.41 per cent, for the week. A brokerage trader said: "People expected futures to be settled at a high level and when that didn't

happen they bailed out."
Declining issues led advancers by over five to one. ☐ Hong Kong — The market closed lower in thin turnover on worries about worsening Sino-US trade friction. The Hang Seng index fell 94.26 points, or 1.67 per cent, to end the week at the day's low of

Sydney - Shares held on to most of their earlier gains, with heavy buying of Westpac rights still a focus of activity.
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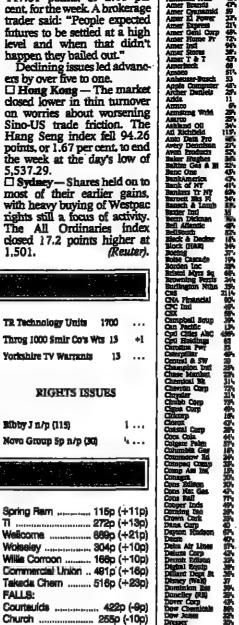
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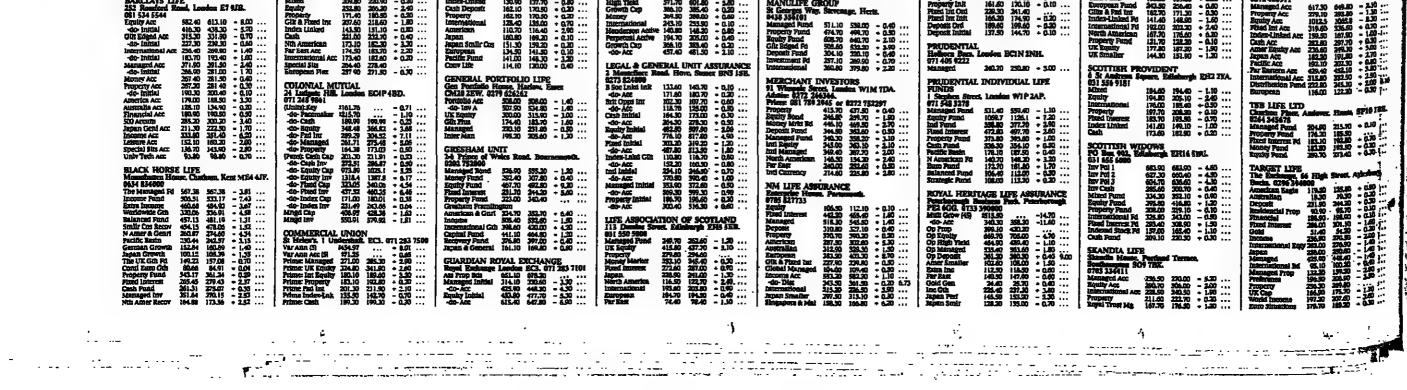
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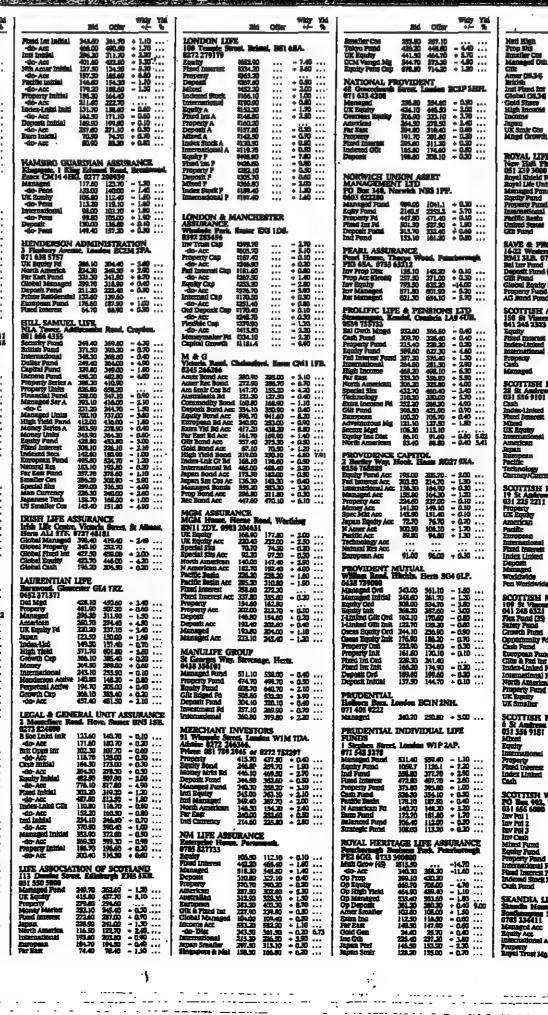
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Edited by Sara McConnell

ighting a large bank is not a pleasant experience. But more and more customers are plucking up courage to do just that. They are refusing to be told that the bank is right, because its systems are infallible, while the customer is not only wrong but potentially dis-

This persistence seems to have borne fruit. Yesterday, Bardays announced that it was intending to fight a High Court writ served on it last month by customers disputing cashpoint transactions. Other institutions that have received writs could also decide to fight.

For the first time, a bank is prepared to defend itself in court, rather than try to argue its way out in correspondence or pay off awkward customers behind closed doors. The bank, as well as the customer, will be forced to lay bare its systems and its methods before an independent arbitrator. One difficulty customers have always faced when disputing cashpoint transactions is that the argument has been on the bank's the cardholder's parents. The bank

Fighting phantom withdrawals

withdrawal without using a card and a personal identification number (PIN), the customer was hardpressed to disagree. The bank could always shrug off protests by saying "our records show that a card and a PIN were used at such and such a time". Relatives are often targeted as possible stealers of PINs and cards. Worse, banks could attempt to get rid of their customers by implying that they were dishonest — a deeply hurtful notion to the majority of innocent customers.

In one particularly distressing case, a TSB cardholder, with £7,000 in his account, noticed that the maximum £200 a day was being withdrawn every day from his account. Withdrawals totalled £3,200. TSB suggested the withdrawals might have been made by terms. If a bank said it was only accepted this was not the case



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SARA MCCONNELL PERSONAL FINANCE WRITER

when it was given the unopened example. In any other circumenvelope containing the PIN

Barclays is obviously confident that its systems will withstand any public scrutiny. Three of the nine customers on whose behalf the writ was served are Bardays dustomers. Interestingly, Barclays compensated one of these clients, excluding the first £50. Under the banking code introduced this year, banks have to compensate customers for wrongful withdrawals, unless customers are proved to be negligent by giving their PIN to another person, for

stances, the payment of compensation would be tantamount to admitting that the bank was wrong. But the bank is preparing to fight this case on the grounds that its systems were not at fault.

The bank is likely to have a

punishing fight on its hands. Denis Whalley, solicitor for the plaintiffs, is hoping to be allowed to produce a wealth of documentary evidence to show that computer glitches in systems can mean accounts are debited wrongly. Cashpoints are also not fraud-proof, as banks admit.

The argument that cashpoint ma-chines are infallible is untenable. No machine is infallible, however advanced the technology may be, and the banks realise this. Otherwise, they would not feel compelled to make ex gratia payments to customers they have wronged. But they fear that admitting that their machines can go wrong will open the floodgates. The longer they leave it, the larger the flood will be.

For sale

snip at £45,000. "For sale — run-down, three-bedroom detached house in Circencester, early sixties built, in need of complete renovation. Two reception rooms, no heating, no parking and surrounded on two sides by factories and warehouses." Since advertising this property in these less than glowing terms in the local press three

weeks ago, an estate agent has managed to agree a sale. Encouraged by the results of this "new realism". the agent is planning to extend his descriptive powers to other properties in the next few weeks.

If this works, why not do it? It is certainly not the first time beleaguered estate agents have tried this alternative selling method, but it could be worth resurrecting in the moribund housing market. Now that buyers have the whip hand over estate agents, they could force them to lay to rest extravagent claims. House buyers have grown adept at translating "estate agent speak". knowing that pied-d-terre means "converted broom cupboard", "sought after area" means "you only hear the railway at the back of the

Unfortunately, most sellers are as reluctant as estate agents to do down their homes in an estate agent's description. They do not have the nerve to draw attention to all the faults they hope buyers will not notice. Maybe they should think again. They can hardly lose.

isations to harmonise their

complaints arrangements. Fimbra said: "All we can say at the moment is there is likely to

be an interim scheme, involving the ombudsmen, our arbi-

tration scheme and a complaints procedure operated internally by the PIA.

"More specific plans cannot

be drawn up until after the

publication of the consultative

paper, due out on September

The 55 cases handled by

Fimbra's own complaints ser-

vice have resulted in the

payment of £600,000 com-

pensation since the procedure

came into force in April 1991

the insurance ombudsman

bureau, said the bureau would

happily back any moves to

simplify the present system.

However, "as far as I can see,

complaints are fairly low on

the list of subjects currently

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Chris Hamer, manager of

The ombudsmen

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roof is likely to be the integra-tion of the complaints services

operated by the existing selfregulatory organisations. Sir Kenneth Clucas said in

his March report on the overhaul of the system: "What essential is that there should

be one central point to which all complaints can be made. It

should be the responsibility of the SRO and not the individ-

ual member of the public to decide the correct destination

for a complaint and make sure

it gets there."
The three services most dir-

ectly in line for integration are

the investment ombudsman.

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Organisation, paid for by Imro members, the insurance

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At present, the Securities and Investments Board does

not have the power to set up a

central ombudsman or com-

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Regulators face a radical shake-up

Investors to gain better protection from rule reform

By SARA MCCONNELL

JUST four years after the Financial Services Act ushered in what everyone hoped would be a new era of investor protection, the whole system is poised for a radical overhaul. Consumer groups are arguing that the changes will not be far reaching enough and that many investors could be left with inadequate protection. The writing has been on the

wall for the present system of investor protection since this other loans. March when an independent report by Sir Kenneth Clucas, market research company, on commissioned by the Securi-ties and Investments Board (SIB), concluded that the four existing self-regulatory organ-isations dealing with the sale of different sorts of savings and investments to the public should be slimmed down into one responsible for regulating all companies' dealings with On September 24, the in-

dustry committee responsible for drawing up plans for the ly called the Personal Investment Authority (PIA), will publish a consultative paper outlining how this should be achieved. Details of the committee's deliberations are shrouded in secrecy, but they are likely to include the future funding and financing of the regulator, its complaints structure and proposals for a compensation fund. If all goes according to plan, the new sys-

tem should be in place by July. Both industry and consumer groups are keen for the PIA to work. A single regulator for life assurance, personal pensions and unit trusts should reduce the cost of regulation to companies, which indirectly reduces the cost to consumers. It should also make monitoring of salesmen easier and prevent them from transferring from one regulator to another to avoid detection of wrongdoing. There is likely to be a central ombudsman handling investment complaints, instead of the present confusing half dozen. Importantly, the controversial question of who should meet the increasing bills of the Investors' Compensation Scheme would be 'cleared up. All members of the PIA would be expected to pay their share. However, con-

that regulators should make much more radical changes while the system is being rationalised, particularly in widening the scope of the new regulator to include mort-gages and other credit as well as bank and building society deposits. The present Financial Services Act only regulates assets, not liabilities. In other words, it covers investments, but excludes mortgages and A report from Mintel, the

customer service in personal that the act should be thoroughly reviewed. "One aspect of such a review would be consideration of extending the FSA over the whole field of savings and investment, in-cluding bank and building society deposits. Because of the limited scope of the FSA, financial advisers, whether IFAs or tied agents or company representatives, are entirely within the law if they ignore National Savings products and building society

accounts in their recommen-

dations to clients, notwith-

standing the conventional wisdom that both of these should have a place in the portfolios of most people." The act created what many admitted was an over-complex but inadequate system to regulate the selling of life assur-

ance, personal pensions and unit trusts. One senior regulafor described it this week as a 'dog's breakfast".

The SIB was created under the act to oversee the setting up of five self-regulatory organisations. The Life Assurance and Unit Trust Regulatory Organisation (Lautro) is responsible for monitoring life offices and unit trust companies' marketing and advertising. Confusingly, salesmen who sell the products of just one life company are not directly regulated by anyone but are the responsibility of the life office. This arrangement will continue. The Financial Intermediaries, Managers and

ation (Fimbra) regulates most independent financial advis-ers but others, dealing mainly in investments rather than insurance, are regulated by the Investment Management Regulatory Organisation (Imro). Imro also regulates firms dealing with institu-tional investors, such as pension fund trustees, and the investment activities of life offices and unit trust companies. Most stockbrokers are members of the Securities and Futures Authority, itself a merger of The Securites Association and the Association of Futures Brokers and Dealers, and may also be members of Imro.

The existing system means that many companies, includ-ing life offices and unit trust managers, have to be members of more than one of these bodies. The resulting increase in costs has been passed on to At the same time, the regu-

lators have not succeeded in stopping a worryingly large number of authorised advisers from defrauding investors. The cost of compensating investors under the Investors in 1988 has ris-

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cost under the scheme was expected to be £37 million in 1991-2, but claims are still coming in, particularly from elderly investors who were encouraged to remortgage their homes and put the money in investment bonds based on home income plans. The vast majority of claims through the Investors' Compensation Scheme have been against independent financial advisers who are members of Fimbra, but members of other regulatory bodies, particularly Lautro, have reluctantly been meeting part of the cost over

the past two years. This last is a big sticking point for banks and building societies which are under pres-



sure to join the PIA. About 80 institutions, mostly banks and or all of their investment business regulated directly by the SIB. So far they have been the PIA. They argue that they enough in making decisions and are also worned about being forced to help meet the costs of compensation. This week, banks said they needed

more encouragement to join the amount they will have to pay out under the compensa-tion scheme. Christopher Sharp, managing director of the Northern Rock Building Society, has

society customers pay for Fimbra members' mistakes through their reserves?"

If banks and societies do not join the PIA, they will not be covered by any complaints system run by the new authority. Sir Kenneth's ideal of a could also be scuppered by members, mostly unit trust groups, deal with the public and need to be members of the

than they are getting at the moment, including a limit to

just joined the formation committee as the first building society representative. He said: "Building societies would be interested in joining the PIA but what is it going to cost? Why should building

Imro, which is arguing that less than 30 per cent of its

sumer representatives argue Brokers Regulatory Associ-Seeking redress in a lending market

BORROWERS who feel they have been wrongly persuaded to take out a certain type of mortgage or unsecured bank or building society loan have little redress under the present regulations (Sara McConnell writes).

Those with occupational pensions have discovered to their cost this year that they are almost powerless. Critics say the various regulations have developed piecemeal and should be scrapped in favour of a single act of Parliament covering all investments, credits and deposits.

The advertising of credit is regulated by the Consumer Credit Act 1974 and policed by local trading standards officers. The rules apply to all lenders from the Halifax down to the smallest back street mortgage broker and include details of how a loan's annual percentage rate (APR) should be displayed.

Lenders of secured loans must also remind people their home is at risk if they do not keep up payments secured on it. However, lenders are not required to demonstrate they have offered the best type of loan for the borrower's circumstances. The investment part of an endowment, pension or Pep mortgage is the actual loan advance is not.

Helena Wiesner, an independent consultant who wrote a report on saving and investment consumer issues for the Office of Fair Trading this summer, said: "There should be consistent regulation, including the credit side, particularly as mortgages are so often tied up with the sale of

Jean Eaglesham, head of money policy at the Consumers' Association, said recent problems with investment-based home income plans suggested mortgages should be brought within the scope of the act. Only the investment part of such "hybrid" plans is regulated under the act, while it appears not to be anyone's responsibility to ask whether lenders had acted responsibly in granting mortgages to elderly people on fixed incomes.

Occupational pension schemes are not covered by the act, but a separate pensions act is being considered in the wake of the Maxwell debade. This could include a compulsory compensation fund levy. Professor Roy Goode, who was appointed by the government in July to review the regulatory framework for pensions, is

covered by the Financial Services Act but expected to produce his first consultation paper at the end of this month. Most pension fund trustees and investment companies are members of Imro, which came under fire earlier this year for not doing more to stop Maxwell phundering

his company's pension funds.

John Morgan, Imro's chief executive, strongly defended the regulator's role this week: "We are putting the lessons of Maxwell very much to work and we have a strong programme of reorganisation. I would say that we have a good regulatory record and that investors have had a lot of support from Imro."

However, he denied that Imro should be putting more pressure on all members to join the PIA on the grounds that their actions, as shown by the Maxwell affair, had a direct effect on private investors.

There is also pressure for bank and building society deposits to be brought under the umbrella of a new investments act. At the moment if a bank collapses, savers are entitled to 75 per cent of the first £20,000 lost.

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Caution urged on equities until after French poll

Whatever the result of France's referendum on ratifying the Maastricht treaty the equity markets will remain uncertain, investment managers believe. Karen Woolfson reports

INVESTMENT managers expect equities to plunge in Europe in the short term if the French vote "no" in the referendum on September 20 to ratify the Maastricht treaty. To soften the potential blow, the managers are raising cash levels in unit trusts exposed to the

If the French vote-"yes", shortterm constraints on equity markets will be removed, which could see them move up, but worries about high German interest rates and the outcome of the American elections will remain a dampener.

Richard Lehman, investment director of Eagle Star Investment Managers, said: "Investors are better off having money in their pockets rather than in European unit trusts if they want to be in for six months only. But if they are in for a reasonable period of time the prospects for European markets

European unit trusts performed better on average than those in Japan, the Far East and North America over one year until July I 1992. But since then, funds have increased the cash element up to 8.5 per cent to protect themselves

from current uncertainty as they have come under pressure.

Mr Lehman thinks markets will slump 5 per cent in the very short term if the French vote "no", until people start to evaluate the damage done to the ERM and EMU. How long markets stayed depressed, he said, would depend on whether Europe can draw up a replacement to the Maastricht treaty which retained the underlying principles of economic co-operation.

Hilary Fane, head of European research at Hill Samuel, agrees. The initial reaction to a "no" vote would cause more turnoil in the currency markets, depress equities and encourage interest rates to rise, but she believes some potential bad news has been discounted in share prices already.

She said: "This summer there has been a broad realisation that recovery is not around the corner with the weak US dollar, tight German monetary policy and weak European economies. Even a French 'no' vote has been discount-

A "no" vote would mean one of two things, Ms Fane said. The Maastricht treaty could be



Keeping watch: Richard Lehman says some investors may be better holding on to their money

dropped but the ERM could contime to operate while EMU is put off for some years. Alternatively, the treaty could be dropped, leading to the break up of the ERM. That would lead to pressure on

some currencies, such as the pound, to devalue and others to revalue, causing turmoil as interest rates were used to help support currencies. If inflation is not well

ties could go down, but if the opposite is true, it could be a spur to economies. Ms Fane said: "I am optimistic for European equities and unit trusts on a one-year view. I months, and the rest of Europe will follow." She believes Spain and Italy look attractive on a five-year

view and France over one year. However, Eagle Star's Mr Leh-man said that if Germany was not able to bring down growth without going into recession, the outlook for Europe would be bleaker than many now forecast.

Adam Parkin, director of John Govett Unit Management, which runs the Govett MIS European Bear and Index funds, takes a more unusual line. "Don't invest in Europe. Look towards the US. particularly over the six-month to one-year view. The US dollar is weak and looks good value. My main concern is that the French will vote 'yes' and present policies

He believes a "yes" vote might cause equities and unit trust prices to go up as people sigh with relief, but is not the best long-term outcome. He adds: "A 'no' vote would scupper Masstricht and allow the rest of Europe to disengage from the ERM, which I think s very positive."

Roger Guy, manager of Eagle Star European, a star performer within the sector over one year and among the top 20 funds over five, thinks a "yes" vote will lead the UK equity market to rise up to 10 per cent. He has increased cash held in the fund from 5 per cent on August

come through in 1994, so longterm Europe looks good value but short-term investors could lose

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He has put 20 per cent of Eagle Star's portfolio into defensive Swiss shares like Nestle, which he expens to grow whatever state the economy is in. Another 15 per cent is in The Netherlands, for the same reason, and 25 per cent in France. The war may be on the horizon, but Mr Gay says tough conditions have led France to rationalise and it is less likely to suffer if economies worsen and is well placed if they improve.

Only 15 per cent is in Germany, as it has had two boom years. As the economy slows down, profits will be squeezed, which is not ver reflected in share prices. Mr Gey has reduced the amount held in Italy. Spain and Sweden because they have suffered more than most, Lazard European Growth, which

has been among the top file European unit trusts since it was Jaunched in 1986, is not convinced "no" vote is a disaster. Patricia Maxwell-Arnot, director

of Lazard investors, said: "It's far too late to sell in Europe. I think there should be a more meaningful rally in the future as the monetary cycle turns around. I wouldn't advise people on a shorter term

basis than a year." But she does admit over the next four years that people might be better off investing in the building

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Insurers add to housing woes

By LIZ DOLAN

THE increasingly tough stance adopted by insurers on mortgage indemnity cover is proving an added threat to recovery in the housing

Recent moves by insurance companies to concentrate on their larger clients have left several of the smaller lenders without the means to serve first-time buyers. At the same time, new agreements reached between the remaining lend-ers and their insurance companies will mean higher mortgage costs, thus creating a further disincentive to would-be borrowers.

Dane Douetil, director of Special Risk Services, the specialist mortgage indemnity in-surance broker, said: "We estimate that, by the end of this year, 30 per cent of the market will be without cover. And that's on current volumes. When business increases, the

Several overseas insurers are planning to enter the market for the first time, but the effect will not be felt until next year. Leading building societies have been able to trade their ability to deliver sizable chunks of buildings insurance business in exchange for a

reasonable level of cover. Many of the smaller societies with less marketing musde, have been forced out of the ; company market. Some are trying to obtain cover from Lloyd's of London, but not all will be successful.

Rod DeAth, manager, underwriting, Sun Alliance, said: "I would think that what capacity there is in the Lloyd's

market will be used up very quickly. It's a new area for them and I would expect them to be feeling their way very carefully, especially given the example of how the major insurers have suffered so far and, of course, the general problems Lloyd's itself has

been experiencing." Few building societies with out domestic mortgage in-demnity insurance (DMI) will be able to lend more than \$5 per cent of a property's value. This will rule out all but the wealthiest first-time buyers.

As a consequence of crippling DMI losses, the country's four main DMI companies, Sun Alliance, Royal Insurance, Legal & General and Eagle Star, have devised new policy terms, which will leave lenders with lower levels

DMI has never applied the first 75 per cent of the mort-gage. Under the new policy, wording, cover will be further limited to 80 per cent of the final 25 per cent.

Lenders will now have to carry the extra 20 per cent risk on their own books, an added expense that, in one way or another, will have to passed on

Some commentators maintain that premiums are still not high enough. When house prices start to rise again, they are not expected to grow by more than 4 or 5 per cent a

year.
That will mean a permanent extra risk that lenders will be unable to recoup the full cost of a loan from the sale of

Fidelity lengthens hours of trading

By Sara McConnell

FIDELITY has lengthened its trading hours and reduced commission on smaller deals in the UK, as part of an extended execution-only stockbroking service. It has also abolished the £25 joining fee it charged on its existing execu-tion-only service. Fidelity Share Service. But commission on deals above £5,000 has increased by an average of

20 per cent.
The company has maintained its minimum commission of E25 for deals of E2,500 and under. Those buying or selling between £1,400 and £3,900 of stock will be charged a reduced commission of £25 down from £50, while dealing in £5,000 worth of stock will still cost £50. Deals of £40,000 or over are charged at 0.25 per cent, up to of £250.

Fidelity says investors earrying out ten trades a year of E5,000 each would pay £340 less in commission than they would to a traditional stockbroker and 33 per cent less on average than to an executiononly firm. Investors with

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August of eight full-cost stock-brokers giving advice. Mark Collier, managing director of Fidelity Brokerage, said the aim of the expanded service was to "offer every-thing the independent investor wants bar advice".

From this weekend, telephone lines will be open from 9am to 9pm for buying and selling UK stocks. On weekdays, lines are open from Sam to 6pm. Contract notes will be sent out on the day of the transaction, the company said. Fidelity will run nominee accounts for investors to simplify transaction arrangements. with no extra charge.

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BY SARA MCCONNELL

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NATIONAL Savings is writ-ing to 800 investors whose savings certificates have just matured or are about to mature to warn them that those savings will earn only a nominal rate of return if they are not cashed in or reinvested.

This is the first time National Savings has written to investors of maturing or ma-tured certificates about rates. The letters are part of a pilot scheme to assess whether customers need to be contacted to encourage them not to hold on to matured certificates.

Charles Dodsworth, National Savings' assistant controller, press and advertising, said: "This is part of our customer service but we don't want to offend people. We want to know what is successful."

National Savings was wary of giving offence and appearing to breach confidentiality, particularly as some people's families did not know they had certificates, he said.

Of the 800 letters being sent out, 400 will go to a random sample of holders of 33rd sissue fixed interest savings entificates, on sale between May 1987 and July 1988.

Savers earn guaranteed taxinee interest of 7 per cent if they hold these certificates for ive years. However, people who have held their investnent for more than five years vill earn only the much lower general extension of 5.01 per

> National Savings is hoping o encourage people to reinvest he proceeds of their matured

launched 38th Issue certificates, which pay a guaranteed tax-free rate of 7.5 per cent for

five years.
Up to £10,000 of matured certificates can be invested in these certificates on top of up to £5,000 of new savings.

The other 400 letters will go to holders of 4th Issue index linked certificates, on sale between August 1986 and June 1990. The certificates pay a guaranteed tax-free return of 4.04 per cent on top of inflation for five years until they mature. But after matur-ing they pay just 0.5 per cent above inflation. The 5th Issue certificates on sale now pay 4.5 per cent above inflation.

In a further exercise, half the savers have 33rd Issue fixed-interest or 4th Issue index-linked certificates that ma-

The rest hold certificates due to mature in two weeks' time. National Savings is trying to gauge whether people re-spond better to reminders before or after their certificates

All National Savings' mailings will include a ques-tionnaire. The letter explains: We would like to have your views about how we should tell customers when their certificates mature. We would be very grateful therefore if you could find the time to fill in and return the enclosed questionnaire."

National Savings said only individual certificates for five years needed to think about



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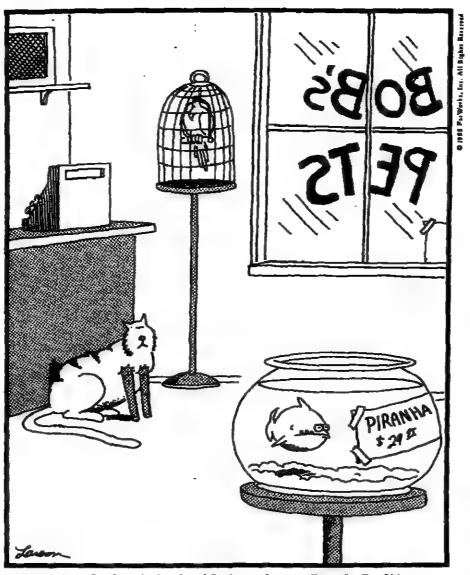
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It is hoping to capitalise on its brief flirtation with the headlines when its high rates incurred the wrath of building societies in July.

Following a hugely success-ful month in July, when its new First Option bond for basic rate taxpayers alone brought in nearly £300 mil-lion, National Savings announced yesterday that it had net receipts of £126 million in August, compared with £481

million in July.

It will begin by advertising 38th Issue Savings Certificates, which have been on sale since August 24.

David Butler, director of National Savings, said: "Many customers see the value of our products in spite of our rather old fashioned

We want the traditional benefits of National Savings of simplicity and security as ed in our advertising in a new

People could invest off the page or through the post office, he added.

Perils of using plastic abroad

By LIZ DOLAN

TRAVELLERS who use plastic to fund purchases may be unaware that credit card transactions overseas do not enjoy the legal protection given to UK purchases. People who use credit cards to buy goods from overseas suppliers are similarly unprotected.

A reader, who confidently applied for a refund from his card issuer after a Portuguese timeshare investment ran into difficulties, was told that, although he used his Access card to fund the deal, the bank had no legal liability to honour his claim because the transaction was made abroad.

Had he suffered the loss in this country, he would have been able to invoke section 75 of the Consumer Credit Act 1974. This requires card issuers to make good losses in-curred in the UK, where the cardholder has been unable to get satisfaction from the original supplier. This guarantee covers amounts between £100 and £30,000.

Midland, the bank in oucstion, said: "Our ability to help in this type of situation depends entirely on circumstances. Although we have no legal liability, we would always try to help customers retrieve their losses." All the banks say they try to help customers who

have lost money on overseas credit card transactions, although none will use their

own money to settle claims. Barclays said: "We may already have some kind of relationship with the foreign bank that processed the original credit card slip. Alternatively, we may ask the Visa or Mastercard centre in the country involved to sort the matter out, or we may contact the retailer direct."

National Westminster said: We have helped customers get their money back under agreements signed abroad. We try very hard to do so, but we can make no promises."

Card issuers make little or no effort to warn customers that transactions are not protected abroad. The most cardholders can expect in the way of information about their rights is a general statement on the original application form telling applicants that transactions may be protected under the Consumer Credit Act. It is then left up to them to pursue the matter.

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1964	5,796	5,796	6,230	350	319	319	357	
1965	6,504	6,672	6,633	950	974	992	1,001	
1966	6,120	6,360	7,094	1,550	1,456	1,487	1,693	
1967	7,224	7,728	7,610	2,150	2,331	2,424	2,439	
1968	9,900	10,872	8,187	2,750	3,866	4,087	3,249	
1969	8,256	9,252	8,872	3,350	3,766	4,022	4,148	
1970	8,376	9,636	9,634	3,950	4,411	4,784	5,132	
1971	12,696	15,036	10,437	4,550	7,452	8,236	6,186	
1972	15,696	18,960	11,286	5,150	9,839	11,017	7,315	
1973	11,832	14,496	12,395	5,750	7,869	8,878	8,667	
1974	7,224	9,036	13,810	6,350	5,225	5,956	10,294	
1975	16,164	20,760	15,373	6,950	12,446	14,446	12,095	
1976	15,540	20,436	17,078	7,550	12,512	14,770	14,072	
1977	24,696	33,288	18,939	8,150	20,559	24,739	16,241	
1978	27,396	37,812	20,817	8,750	23,390	28,689	18,482	
1979	28,476	40,176	23,434	9,350	24,848	31,022	21,448	
1980	32,436	46,836	27,023	9,950	28,864	36,727	25,386	
1981	37,464	55,488	30,688	10,550	33,929	44,107	29,470	
1982	45,672	69,288	34,667	11,150	41,981	55,699	33,931	
1983	65,964	102,180	38,362	11,750	61,304	82,815	38,180	
1984	90,504	142,368	42,722	12,350	84,781	116,061	43,157	
1985	112,968	180,180	48,189	12,950	106,466	147,530	49,323	
1986	152,352	245,892	53,615	13,550	144,214	201,966	55,510	
1987	184,248	300,696	59,392	14,150	174,961	247,537	62,125	
1988	203,160	335,220	65,131	14,750	193,510	276,549	68,757	
1989	257,076	428,544	73,382	15,350	245,483	354,160	78,117	
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1991	226,320	387,120	93,554	16,550	217,187	321,009	100,945	
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Notes: The values shown have been calculated as if an M&G PEP and its current tax treatment were available throughout the period shown. All net figures include re-invested income. M&G Dividend figures show the return to the investor. The Building Society figures are based on the average rate of a Building Society Share Account (Source: Central Statistical Office). The regulai savings figures exclude the last payment and all payments apart from the first are made on the last business day of the month. An investment in M&G Dividend of £6,000 on 31st August, 1987 would be worth £5,756 by 31st August, 1992 with net income re-invested and £6,135 with gross income re-invested. An investment of £50 per month from 31st August, 1987 (£3,000) would be worth £2,778 by 31st August, 1992 with net income re-invested and £2,884 with gross income re-invested. *Estimated using current interest rate levels. Past performance is not necessarily a guide to future performance. The price of units and the income from them may go down as well as up. You may get back less than you invested

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Put the spotlight on life offices

From Mr A. Jenkins Sir, Your campaign (September 5) to expose life office charges and commissions is to

tory bodies such as the SIB and OFT have, in the past, protected the interests of the ife offices at the expense of the consumer is quite extraordinary. Indeed, it is difficult to identify any other business activity where the so-called regulatory bodies have taken such little account of the

Perhaps, in the future, The Times could assist in these matters. It already publishes comprehensive data on interest rates, share prices and other financial matters. Why not include current commission rates and charges on a range of financial products,

expense ratios and costs. After all, Business Times regularly dissects and analyses other types of companies' business activities, costs and margins. Why not give the life offices the same treatment? Yours faithfully,

6 Wisley Road, SW11.

Lenders' role

From A. W. A. Poole

Sir, I read with interest the letter from a retired bank manager (August 15) about the responsibility for mortgage troubles. Having retired myself from bank management at about the same time as the writer (and, no doubt, left my successor some problems to clear up) I have some sympathy with his views. Marketing was a prime cause of many problems, but much of this was driven not by the need to make loans but to earn insurance commission. Selling insurance became a main objective, the lending followed

I appreciate that the banks were the lenders and, therefore, carry much of the blame, but there are two other professions involved. Banks relied heavily upon surveyors and valuers (as did the borrowers) and it would be interesting to read many of those optimistic valuations today. Perhaps the banks should have relied more upon the old-fashioned forced sale" basis rather than the "vacant possession" basis.

Much commercial lending was, however, accountant driven. In the late 1980s, branch managers were inundated by propositions put together_by hopeful entrepreneurs and creative accountants, with cash flows profit forecasts etc beautifully laid out and expensively put together. Very often, the accountants would hawk the proposition around until they found a lender, but I have seen very little criticism by the borrowers of those who helped lead them into their crises. Yours faithfully,

A. W. A. POOLE, Appietrees, Manor Road,

together with regular updates and analyses of life offices

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From Mr Stanley Jacobs

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be applauded, but surely few people expect anything other than yet another whitewash in favour of the life offices from

the latest OFT study.
The extent to which statuconsumers' interests.

Free banking is similar to the free lunch From Mr Ian Chaoman Sir. I note that high street banks may be forced by financial stringency to withdraw so-called "free banking" to customers maintaining a positive balance. Surely, free banking no more exists than does a

In order to be sure of maintaining a positive bal-ance on a normally busy personal account without constant vigilance, there will always be a balance - some-times sizable - which will be at the disposal of the bank to earn interest on for the benefit

Insurers and discounts for anti-theft measures

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From Dr Don Moody Sir. Insurers most definitely do not try to encourage people to reduce the risk of burglary with discounts for those who take anti-theft measures

with trivial discounts or pressurise by refusal of theft cover so that householders are forced to pay rip-off prices to what appears to act as an illegal cartel, otherwise known as Nacoss members. Moreover, it appears that the insurers themselves are acting as a cartel by refusing to accept self-installed and self-inspected anti-theft systems as giving

such systems contain twice as many detectors and alarms as the Nacoss recommendations, and are inspected more than ten times as often.

of the bank. For example, an

average balance of just £500.

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of £50 per annum. In addition

to this direct financial consid-

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This too has a definite

commercial value.

Yours faithfully. IAN CHAPMAN,

21 Benslow Rise.

Henfordshire.

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It might be an interesting piece of investigative reporting to look at the share registers of all Nacoss members and find out just what proportion of such shares are held by the insurers directly or by others indirectly on the insurers' behalf. Yours faithfully

DON MOODY Sandon House. Ilsington, Newton Abbot.

Lost interest and third-party cheques

Sir, Following my own recent experience, I am writing to warn your readers of an unexpected source of lost interest when operating the type of savings account where an interest penalty is imposed on a withdrawal made without the required period of notice.

I had assumed this applied

account holder. I was proved wrong in the case of my Nationwide Monthly Income Account (with a 90-day notice I paid in a third-party cheque, drawn on Barclays

Bank, which was returned by Barclays, who queried the signatures (as it happened, the correct signatories had Within a few days I had

obtained and paid in a replacement cheque, which was duly honoured, and thought no more of the matter.

On checking the interest credited at the end of the month, I discovered that not only had my account been correctly debited in respect of the original returned cheque but that a 90-day loss of interest penalty had been imposed based on the amount of that cheque. To the credit of Nationwide, the lost interest was promptly reinstated when

i pointed this out.

Had I been operating an account which credited interest annually rather than monthly, there would have been no reasonable likelihood of my having detected the interest penalty. Considerable prudence is therefore required before paying a third-party into these type of accounts. If the cheque is not honoured, the amount of the cheque may not be all that is

Yours sincerely STANLEY JACOBS, 77 Long Lane, N3.

Mortgage solution

From J. G. Berry Sir, The answer to the problem of home owners who wish to move but cannot do so because their house is worth less than their outstanding mortgage is simply illustrated.
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the original property.

The first bank or building society to overcome any legal, accounting or taxation difficulties there may be to introducing such a scheme will be doing a great service to their borrowers, the housing man ket, the economy and not least of all their shareholders. Yours faithfully, J. G. BERRY.

The Poplars, Darland Lane, Rossett, Chwyd.

Pound in the pocket ",

From Mr George Muggleton Sir. The pensioners indes theory is nonsense as the value of a "pound in the pocket" does not vary from person to person according to their choice of expenditure, which is entirely their own affair. It is nothing more than a ploy to avoid giving a full retail price index increase to pensions in

Yours faithfully, GEORGE MUGGLETON. Treetops, Little Windmill Hill, Chipperfield, Hertfordshire.

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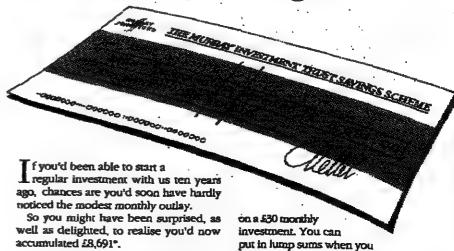
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Waiting for the chancellor

get, investment trust first to congratulate Norman Lamont, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, for his decision to raise the investment trust Personal Equity Plan limit to £6,000 a year.

Six months on, the industry is still hanging on to the chancellor's every word, hoping for some indication that recovery is on the way and that private investors will regain the confidence to take their money off deposit.

Until that happens, and investors begin to venture back into the equity markets, investment trust companies will be unable to take full advantage of their new post-Budget pow-ers. But when signs of an upturn do appear, industry leaders believe they will be well-placed to present investment trusts as the equity investment of choice for the

The Association of Investment Trust Companies have put in a lot of work in raising their profile and knowledge of investment trusts among investors and their advisers." says Keith Falconer, of Edinburgh Investment specialists Martin Currie. In two or three years' time we will reap the harvest - but it has been a

Despite a boost for Peps, investors still lack confidence, reports Christine Whelan

unit trust industry's structure

allows it to reduce charges to

the level of the lowest-charging investment triess," he says. Even in the difficult markets

even in the difficult markets of the past five years, investment trusts have been able to make steady progress in winning private investors' business. In the dark days just after the crash of October 1987,

the crash of October 1987, investment trust companies seized the initiative by pointing out to tent trust holders, some of whom had difficulty selling their mins, that investment trust solutes remained fully initiate throughout.

The infredention of savings achieves in 1984, the introduction of the rules since 1987, and the beginning of commission of the rules since 1987, and the beginning of commission payments to intermediaties by some trusts, have all brought in more private shareholders.

Savings achieve contributions

Savings scheme contribu-tions brought in 131 million in the second quarter of 1992 compared to 127.2 million in

the same quarter of the previ-ous year, says the AITC, and

Peter Walls, investment Peps, but I do not see how the trust analyst with stockbrokers unit trust industry's structure Credit Lyonnais Laing, agrees. "Investment trusts, especially savings schemes and Peps, are far and away the best retail investment products on offer." Low costs for investors are

one of the sector's main selling

points and Mr Walls believes

they will remain a bargain.
"It is in the established investment trusts' interests to broaden the shareholder base, increase demand and prevent discounts from drifting out-wards," he says. "With institutions accounting for 65 per cent of investment trust share-holders across the board, charges are likely to remain low over the long term."

Recent months have seen some unit trust companies reduce their own charges in a bid to attract new business, especially through Peps. But Mr Walls does not believe this will diminish the relative appeal of investment trusts long-

"Investment trust companies are prepared to subsidise their savings schemes and savers, investing an average of £75 per month each.

The AFTC has set up an advisory service for intermediaries and investment trust companies which organise semmars, roadshows and other profile-raising activities, stressing low costs, superior performance and flexibility as reasons why investment trusts should be considered.

"We believe that investment trusts are the perfect way for an investor who has some building society savings to get a decent spread of exposure to the stockmarket," says Fiona Monro, of the AITC.

The recent spotlight on insurance companies disap-pointing with profits perfor-mances and high charges may

The future development of investment trusts for the retail market seems likely to take two directions: sophisticated packaged products for professional advisers and their clients, and the continued emphasis on plain vanilla trusts, made accessible through savings schemes and Peps, as the But neither approach is likely to meet its full potential without a boost from the economy and the markets: The author is the editor of Moneywise.



Norman Lamont: industry hanging on his every word

Why thousands decide to split their stake

The mix-and-match method from the 1960s remains popular today

refinement of the sector that even investment trust managers admit are fully understood by few industry specialists. Yet thousands of private investors have "splits" in their portfolios, as many of the investment trusts launched to private investors in 1992, including Fleming's Income & Capital Trust and M&G's Recovery Investment Trust, have a split-capital structure, Christine Whelan writes. At its simplest, this means the trust contains different classes of share, each of which

of a split-capital trust can

therefore he highly tax-eff-icient, depending on whether an investor wants to limit exposure to income tax or capital gains. The different classes of share also carry

varying degrees of risk.

Split capital trusts were widely used in the high-tax 1960s, but there are now more trusts and more classes of share - sero-desidend preference shares first appeared in 1987, for example. More than 30 izvestinem met companier now have split-capital trusts in their stable, and investors can mix and match different classes of share in a portfolio as has a different characteristic, such as offering high income but no capital growth; or vice versa. The individual elements

"The split-capital structure is popular for new launches as these trusts texid to trade at a

and so are a good way of getting a new trust into the market-place," says Nigel Sidebottom, of the stockbroker Gerrard Vivian Gray. "Their tax-efficiency means that in a portfolio they can be used to make two and two equal five. Using a series of zero-dividend preference shares, for instance. financial advisers can put together a 'home-made' school lees funding plan offering lower costs and better returns than packaged plans, with as much security."

The analyst Peter Walls, of Credit Lyonnais Laing, agrees that split-capital trusts can be highly effective but gives a warning: "A package of splitcapital shares can include

high-risk, highly geared equity shares, which I am not keen on as a retail product. Well-covered zero dividends, on the other hand, can be very useful for high-rate taxpayers, properly explained. But even then I do not agree with the view that all zeros are gilt-edged. Some of them are anything but, and may not deliver their promised return. That will inevitably

investment trust management services that include split-level trusts in their portfolios. Mr Sidebottom, for example, offers five portfolios ranging from cautious to speculative, all of which make some use of split-capital trusts. The latest report on the Low Risk Growth portfolio, launched in 1991, claims an annualised return of 19.5 per cent achieved mainly from the appreciation of zero-dividend preference shares.

The Peps that add to the interest

The future could be equity plans as financial planning tools

nvestment trusts received a boost in the 1992 al Equity Plan (Pep) limit for tax-free income and gains was doubled to £6,000 a year in a qualifying trust. Christine Whelan writes. In closing a loophole that had led to a rush of investment trust launches, the extension of the rules gave nvestors more choice.

Qualifying trusts for Peps are those that remain at least 50 per cent invested in UK and European quoted stocks. Some trusts, including big names such as Foreign & Colonial and Alliance, have not opted for Pep status as it limits investment flexibility. Before next year's Budget the

trusts to be fully Pep-cligible. Along with those trusts that do not qualify for Pep status, low-yielders have also missed out on the party. This is because, for modest investors, the attraction of Peps lies in their ability to reduce income

tax rather than capital gains. On investment trust Peps, the minimum yield needed to ensure that the tax-free income is not wiped out by management charges ranges from 1.5 per cent for a 40 per cent taxpayer paying a 0.5 per cent annual charge, to 8.5 per cent for a 20 per cent tax-payer in a trust with a 1.5 per

cent annual charge.
The board of TR Smaller Companies Investment Trust recently decided to attack the yield-charges problem by us-ing some of its marketing budget to remove all the

charges on the trust's Pep. The campaign has been running for only two weeks but James de Sausmarez, the managing director of Touche

Management, says: "It has certainly attracted a lot of interest as we believe this is the first investment trust Pep with no charges, and other low-yielding investment trusts will be looking closely at what we are doing." Despite the recent disap-

pointing track record of small-er companies Mr de Sausmarez believes that the trust should appeal to investors who already hold a general diversified trust, but not to

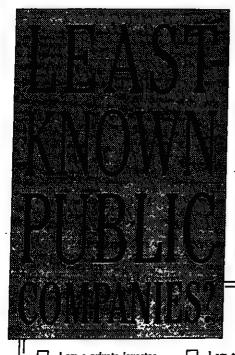
beginners.
Promoters of investment trusts have so far used their new Pep flexibility to concen-trate on year-end tax saving opportunities, but this is just the beginning.
The Association of Invest-

ment Trust Companies be-lieves the future for the investment trust Pep is as a flexible, low-cost, tax-efficient financial planning tool. The Edinburgh-based trust management company Dunedin, for example, runs a personalised mortgage repayment quotation service for lenders. and has a link with Bank of Scotland on Pep-backed home loans. The next step is a formal package, with the loan, the Pep and insurance sold together, but that is some way off," says Robin Pollok, Dunedin's marketing manager. Despite Peps' low charges

and superior performance, en-dowment policies are by far the most popular mortgage repayment method, although recent reports of bonus cuts have reduced their copperbottomed appeal. "Invest-ment trust Peps are not guaranteed either, but at least when markets are not doing well investors know their money is not being eaten up



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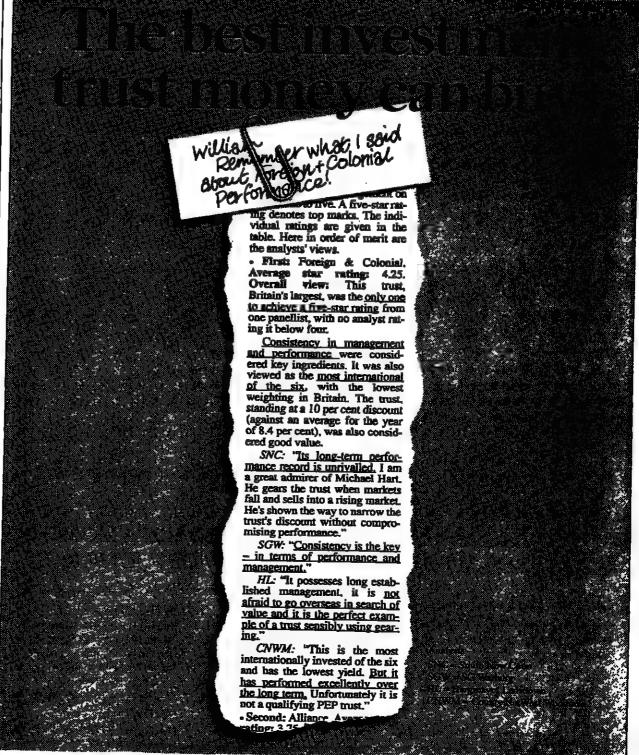
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A guard against future shocks

The private investor is being hen the Associ-ation of Investment Trust Comencouraged to look at long-term panies (AITC) was founded to solve industry financial plans, Jill Insley reports problems 60 years ago, income tax was exactly the same in real terms as today, depression was causing mass unemployment and the stock market was suffering the aftermath of a financial scandal.

For Robert Maxwell, substitute Ivor Kreuger, a Swedish panies - Kreuger and Toll and Swedish Match - lost share value of 82 per cent or £90 million the day before he died, and another £10 million on his death. In the days that followed, accountants Price Waterhouse revealed that Kreuger and Toll's balance sheet "grossly misrepresented" the true financial position, and books greatly exceeded the assets they were purported to represent or were entirely

Such financial scandals had the same effects as those today. causing concern about accounting practice and investor protection.

But not everything in 1932 mirrors 1992. The country still spent a sizeable chunk of its income on domestic servants, the average house cost about £10,000 in today's terms, and most shares were Although the AITC has seen

the savings ratio increase from 3.8 per cent to 10.3 per cent, and the number of investment trusts has grown from 230 to 265, the proportion of money invested in investment trusts has diminished compared to that invested in building societies or unit trusts.
In 1932 investment trusts

had £300 million under management, compared to £78 million held by the Halifax Building Society and £200,000 invested in the only two unit trusts. Now the Halifax manages £58.8 billion and the 1,416 unit trusts now in existence hold £56 billion. but investment trusts manage £22 billion. Fiona Monro, AITC spokes-

person, attributes the change in investment habits partly to the development of the life and pensions market. She says that while in 1932 it was considered normal for an ordinary member of the public to hold a deemed unusual. In 1932, 90 per cent of shares were owned The Budget of 1988 also duction of capital gains tax of the very labeled by private investors, but in provided a boost for the encouraged the development achieving that."

Future plans: Fiona Munro says people are saving more

1992 this figure has plummeted to 20 per cent. Efforts have been made by various bodies including the AITC to alter this situation,

but change is slow to come. Funds under management in investment trusts were also depleted after the second world war when their overseas investments were stripped out by the government to pay off debts abroad.

And while unit trusts, life and pension funds and building societies have been able to advertise the benefits of investing in their products, investment trusts as public limited companies have been prohibited by the Companies Act from promoting their shares. But in 1984 Foreign & Colonial became the first trust manager to offer investment in a trust through a savings scheme. Such schemes can be promoted and so, in 1986, Foreign & Colonial also became the first advertise.

The Budget of 1988 also

growth of investment trusts when the Chancellor extended Personal Equity Plan invest-

ment rules to allow the greater of £540 or 25 per cent of the cash subscribed into the Pep to be used to buy investment trust shares. This limit was raised year by year until now an investor can put £6,000 in shares of investment trusts which invest a minimum of 50 per cent in European Community equities through a

As the methods of investing in trusts have changed over the years, so too have structure and investment strategy. Sixty years ago trusts were primarily invested in fixed interest stocks, debentures and bonds. Only 35 per cent was invested in shares. By 1983, 54 percent was invested in shares, and by 1965 this figure had increased to 95 per cent.

Until the 1960s, investment trusts were very simple in structure, consisting purely of ordinary shares. But the introduction of capital gains tax of the very best ways of

of a new form of trust - the spcalled capital trust. The first simple forms of this trust offered two types of share those which provided capital and those which provided income. Investors could buy either or both types, depending on which suited their

investment purposes.
Zern dividend shares, which have a predetermined rate of capital growth, were introduced in more hybrid split capital trusts in the late 1980s

robably the most complex split capital trust now in existence offers several types of share - zeros, income, capital and stepped preference shares which have a predetermined growth in both income and

Investment trusts have always been regarded by financial institutions as a means of investing in geographical regions and sectors where those institutions do not have their own fund managers, but in the mid 1980s several trusts fell prey to institutions more interested in securing the immediate value of the trusts' underlying assets rather than their long term performance.

The shares of such trusts were then being traded at a value some 25 per cent less than the net asset value, making the trust vulnerable to takeover and break-up.

The average discount between share price and net asset value has narrowed to about 14 per cent now, making the trusts a much less attractive proposition for asset strippers.

One big change in public habits could help investment trust growth. Sixty years ago, several years of deflation meant those people who were employed effectively became richer, and could spend their way out of the depression. No such trend is evident today.

But Ms Monro says this is having a positive effect on growth of the financial services industry. She says: "People are saving more because they are concerned about the future, there is a demand for financial instruments that wasn't there in the 1930s.

People are beginning to understand that the stock ma:ket is not just for stags, and if you want a reasonable chance of capital growth and you can then investment trusts are one

Scottish Value says investment success comes from thorough homework

Secrets of a canny predator

ost investment trusts tend to be when a trust is described as a fox in a chicken coop and a piranha turning into a shark, it is worth taking a second

Scottish Value is a predator. It specialises in buying the shares of under-performing trusts which stand at a big discount to the value of that trust's underlying assets. Scottish Value trust then agitates for change until that discount is narrowed and Scottish Value can sell its holding at a

In the year since Scottish Value emerged from the shell of former Glasgow stores group Bremner to July 31, the trust has increased net asset value by 31.1 per cent, while the total return on share price is 33.15 per cent.

Much of its net asset rise has been achieved through invest-ment in three or four investment trusts, including Pacific Property Investment Trust and Ensign Trust. Both trusts have seen radical reformation since Scottish Value first showed interest in their performance.

Pacific Property underwent a reconstruction which narrowed its discount to net assets, while Scottish Value almost doubled its money on its 3.5 per cent stake in Ensign after the trust's major shareholder Merchant Navy Officer's Pension Fund succumbed to pressure to buy out

minority share holdings. Colin McLean, Scottish Value's manager, puts his team's investment success to date down to solid research - more perspiration than inspiration.
"We just try to be a bit more thorough. It comes down to homework," he says.

He won Scottish Investor of the Year two years ago, and in the past five years he has been winner of another national newspaper's professional share tipping competition once, has been runner-up

Manager: Colin McLean

Great Western — has jumped in price by about 130 per cent and Mr McLean again leads

Although Mr McLean says he prefers to work in co-operation with the trust managers rather than launching a full frontal assault, his career to date has not been free from turbulence. In the past 18 years he has abruptly departed from FS Assurance (now known as Britannia Life), Scottish Provident, and Templeton International, where he was managing direc-

tor of European operations.

In 1989, while at
Templeton, he launched an
aggressive bid for his former employer, FS Assurance, in competition to a bid from Britannia Building Society. Mr McLean's bid failed, but the highly publicised acrimo-ny caused by his criticism of the FS management and the society's offer to policyholders is believed to have contributed to his sudden departure from

The revamping of Bremner was also far from smooth though this is unsurprising given the notorious infighting of Bremner's shareholders.

Mr McLean was a director of the shell company for about a year before proceeding with plans to relaunch it as a trust. facing fierce opposition from some of the shareholders. Even though the plans to convert to a trust were approved, Mr McLean's re-election to the company's board hands, although he was later reinstated on a poll vote. In a last-ditch attempt to foil Bremner's conversion, a former director and the father of another former director obtained a court order to prevent ment opportunities.

However, as Mr McLear

points out, it is easier to make speciacular returns by thor-oughly researching a limited number of shares rather than spreading investment over a larger number as a bigger trust would have to do. It is also easier to make large

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the order, and shares began

trading with a net asset value

of 47p. Now he says: "We are

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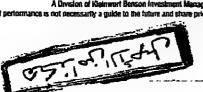
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Taking stock of shares

The equity market will be

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the best bet, says

Walter Riddell-Carre

he year so far has been fairly grim for equity investors. The biggest disappointment has been that the economic recession has lasted longer and been deeper than expected and signs of a recovery have been delayed whether in the United States, Japan or the United Kingdom.

Although the eventual recovery may be more protracted in comparison to other economic cycles in recent history, the length of the downturn is likely to lead to a period of low

Under these conditions the non equity saver will continue to be rewarded with a high real return. However, greater gains will be achieved through equity investment as investors become increasingly comfortable with the low growth, low inflation environment.

At present there are many short-term uncertainties around the world affecting investor sentiment. These indude the French vote on Maastricht, the US presidential election, the implications of dollar devaluation and the timing of the first easing in monetary policy by the llundesbank

However, investors always have to contend with uncertainty, and falling share prices can often create excellent buying opportunities for the long

R ecession has exposed the risks of investing in investment trusts

which seek to take advantage

of the opportunities offered

by small and unquoted

if successful, small com-

panies can offer very good profits, Jill Insley writes. But

the price for the prospect of

high returns is a correspond-

ingly high level of risk. The

dangers have been illustrated

by the stories of Ensign Trust and Drayton Consolidated.

in the mid-1980s Ensign

redirected itself towards the

unquoted sector, and finan-

cial services sector in particu-

lar. The trust took significant.

stakes in the merchant banks

companies.



Walter Riddell-Carre: equity investment will provide most gain in a global recession

term investor. For example, in Japan the sharp fall in share prices had taken the market back to a level where much of the negative economic and financial news was discounted and valuations on certain critewere attractive both by historic comparisons and in relation to other

Strong government action has now been announced, and the market has risen substantially. Following the measures, economic prospects have im-proved and there are now sound reasons for investing in

Similarly in the UK the expectation that confidence

Robert Fleming and Morgan Grenfell, and in life insurance

companies such as Target and

At first it scored notable

successes - for example when

the TSB took over Target,

Ensign received £330 million

for a stake which it had valued

But the crash in October

1987 damaged the prospects

of many of Ensign's financial

investments. Worse still, the increasing difficulty of bring-

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at £11 million.

and economic activity would rise following the election in April has evaporated and the stockmarket has fallen to a valuation where much of the economic woe is discounted. The relationship between the equity yield, which has risen naturally in a falling market, and the yield on gilts has reached a compelling level. The bond market will do well

Investment policy in the UK should still be concentrated in defensive areas, particularly utilities where superior dividend prospects prevail. However, some commit-

Adventure can be too risky

Timing is important when investing in unquoted firms

ing new issues to the stock

market made it hard for En-

sign to realise its assets. En-

sign, 80 per cent of whose

shares were owned by the

Merchant Navy Officers Pen-sion Fund (MNOPF), began to perform less well than

other trusts, but only modest-

ly. Small companies were

early casualties of the recession and this led in 1990 to a

collapse in the value of En-

sign's net assets. The MNOPF was quick to act,

as interest rates fall but the

equity market will do much

ment to the more economically sensitive areas should be made Building materials, en-gineering, hotels and leisure, paper and packaging are all sectors which will enjoy substantial operational gearing on any improvement in the economy. In addition, smaller

companies appear irrationally friendless and good value. The main constraint to economic demand and better stockmarkets, not only in the UK but throughout Europe, is the tight German monetary policy, which has kept interest rates persistently high.

Anticipated cuts have not yet materialised due to the lag-ging effect of German reunifi-

sacking Ensign-owned Argosy

Asset Management as its

investment manager and proposing to liquidate the trust. The loss of the contract to

manage MNOPF's £1.5 bil-

lion damaged the value of Ensign itself. Continuing

losses led to large write-offs, a

further collapse in its share price and a widening of the

discount to net asset value.

MNOPF dropped its plans

for a liquidation but ordered a

change in Ensign's invest-

cation. However, a slowdown in the German economy is now leading to an easing of inflationary pressures. This will eventually result in a more relaxed monetary policy, although it would be wrong to anticipate a major change being made this year.

In Europe a "no" vote on Maastricht on September 20 is almost already reflected in the markets. As a result, France is a market to watch. It has fallen sharply over the summer and with inflation now under control, the economy will be a major beneficiary over lower interest rates.

n the dollar-based markets, currency movements are naturally important in assessing the total return of an investment. The dollar is likely to remain weak until after the presidential election in November, but an eventual recovery is expected once interest rate differentials narrow with European rates.

Meanwhile, the American market appears fully valued though longer term a recovery in earnings will bring the rating down to a reasonable level. The Pacific markets and Mexico are preferred. Strong economic growth will be sus-tained due to high intra re-gional trade and economic and political reform.

In summary, opportunities for long term capital and income growth still exist and investment trusts offer the ideal vehicle for private investors seeking to spread the risk while maximising the potential return.

The author is director and investment controller of Edin-burgh Fund Managers.

ment policy. Pressure from the trust's minority shareholders eventually prompted MNOPF to mop up the minority with an offer at the turn of the year. Drayton Consolidated, a

trust managed by Invesco MIM, encountered similar problems with its unquoted portfolio. This culminated earlier this year with the collapse of Alma, the Scottish sweets company which made Hacks and Victory-V.

Drayton called in invest-

ment trust experts from County Natwest Wood Mackenzie to devise a way of realising Drayton's remaining value The plans are expected to be announced shortly.

increasing number of sales specialists, such as policy auctioneers Foster & Cranfield. Guy Enriquez, director of

Benson's Endowment Policy rust is an exception. The trust is the first to specialise in the purchase of econd-hand life insurance endowment policies aiming to make substantial returns when the policies mature.

Life insurance companies have traditionally paid poor early surrender values, including little or none of the investment returns they have carned with investors' money. By buying these policies cheaply, and maintaining payments until the maturity date, Kleinwort Benson will be able to maximise their returns at maturity. It has attracted investment of £22.5 million to purchase 3,000 to 4,000 policies at an average cost of £5,000 to £10,000. Most of the policies will have ten or 11 vears left to run, and will mature before the trust's winding up in 2003.

OF ALL the investment trusts

launched in the past few years.

few could claim to offer some-

thing truly new. Kleinwort

About 30 per cent of the money will be invested in Treasury Bills, short-dated fixed interest stocks and shorter term policies, Income and capital from these will be used to pay premiums for ongoing policies and to buy further policies for the trust.

ORDINARY shares are available, which the company has likened to the aero-dividend preference shares of split capital trusts. The shares should rise steadily in value each year, as the value of the trust's policies increases.

Kleinwort Benson estimates that, assuming annual and final bonus rates on endowments stay the same, the trust should provide a yield of 12.7 per cent for original investors. However, some life insurance company providers of endowments have cut their bonus rates in the wake of poor stock market performance, and many more have indicated that they will follow suit.

Kleinwort Benson has anticipated this move -- it calculates a still healthy return of 10.2 per cent if bonuses are cut by a pessimistically high 20 per cent. Its share price has maintained its issue price of

Kleinwort Benson intends to purchase about 80 per cent of the policies in the first year of the trust's life. This seems a

Buying up second-hand life insurance endowment policies is a new road for trust investors

> lot of policies to find in a market which has a large and

Well worth the wait

Foster & Cranfield, says: There is more demand for policies with a shorter outstanding term, but with years to run as well."

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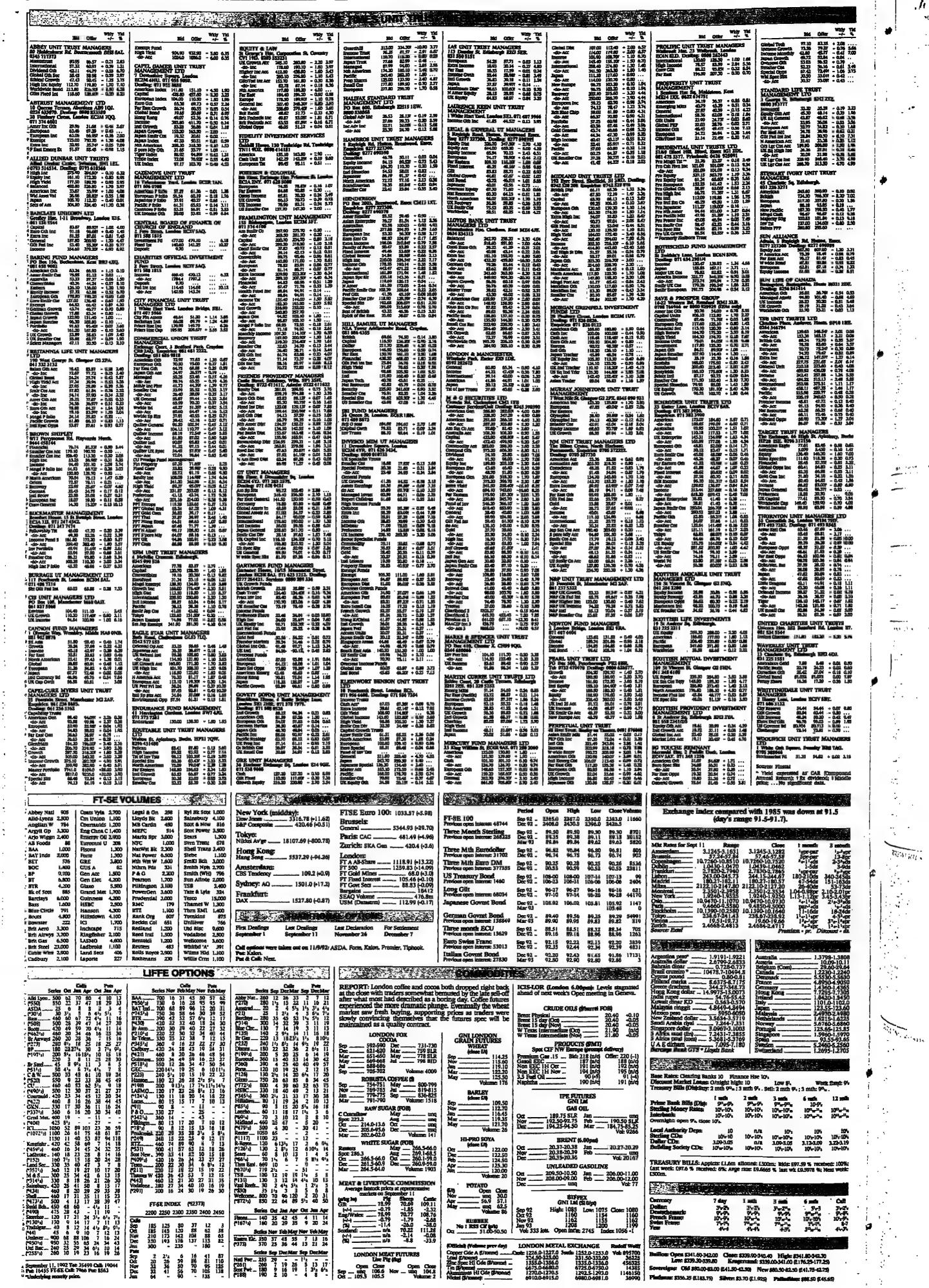
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Political animal stalks Leger

N the St Leger eight years ago, Commanche Run provided Luca Cumani not only with his first classic success but also the impetus which enabled the trainer to join the elite of his

This afternoon Bonny Scot, a son of Commanche Run. will attempt to emulate his sire and give his handler a boost of at least equal impor-

The last two years have not been kind to Cumani. At the end of the 1990 season, he could look back with pride at 108 winners — more than double his tally in Commanche Run's year — and £1 million prize-money. He was second to his former employer, Henry Cecil, in the trainers' table and the Bedford House bandwagon, which began in 1976 with a dozen winners, looked unstoppable.

Fate then intervened. The sudden loss of the Aga Khan as an owner, due to his continuing dispute with the Jockey Club over drug testing, was a severe blow. The financial misfortunes of Alan Clore and Peter Brant deprived Cumani of two other significant patrons, while John Maher decided British prize-money and the travelling to Europe were not worth the candle, so he stopped sending his regular batch of yearlings. Cumani lost four principal

owners in one week in December 1990. "It was too late then I thought their horses were coming to me. That particular week in December when all those owners disappeared was not one of my favourite times."

His string was reduced from 188 in 1990 to 150 last year and 132 this season. Similarly, the winners declined. Seventy two last year, fewer than 40 this campaign.

Had the misfortune struck a decade ago, Cumani would have found new owners with relative ease. Perversely, the crisis in British racing of which he himself had warned for years, snuffed out such

The self-fulfilling prophecy of Cumani was based on simple truths. The ever-widening gap between the cost of owning a horse and low prizemoney would deter owners or send them in search of richer pickings in France or the

After two years which have seen racing's troubles subjected to intense public and parliamentary scrutiny, he believes the sport's problems are far from over, but he is more hopeful.

"In the last year I have become more optimistic about the long-term future of British racing because of changes in the leadership. I see things moving in the right direction. The Jockey Club used to be completely mono-lithic, an inaccessible block of

modern outward-looking body that seeks constant communication with the outside world and acts upon it."

But the lack of prizemoney, which quickly prompts disillusionment and a resulting high turnover among owners, remains at the heart of racing's difficul-ties. The Budget reduction in betting duty helped release a much needed £13 million for racing. Cumani would like to see Whitehall take even less from the sport.

The second part of Cumani's equation in-volves the bookmakers, or "leeches" as he calls them. "I use the word advisedly. The difference between a parasite and a leech is that it is in the interests of parasite to keep its host alive. It doesn't look as though bookmakers are particularly interested in keeping their host alive."

The solution proposed by Cumani is simple. The difference between the ten per cent deductions paid by off-course backers and the percentage taken by Government in betting duty — currently 7.75 per cent — should all go to racing. "I find it extraordinary that

not only do bookmakers not pay anything for racing but they actually pocket some money which doesn't belong to them. They justify it by saying they having to pay for heating, electricity, VAT or

to find new business. The face with the rest of the do not have a great ability to sales were finished and until world. Now it has become a pay for the product of racing. pay for the product of racing, but at least they should not take what is not theirs."

He sees the fortunes of British racing improving within five years. Evening opening of betting shops, Sunday racing. Europe's own Breeders' Cup, the scrapping of the Levy Board, which would have no job to do under the Cumani blueprint, and a reinvigorated Tote owned by racing are no

longer pie in the sky.

As for his own fortunes,
Cumani is well aware of the importance of Bonny Scot. "One tends to get attached and fond of horses that have helped in a career. Commanche Run definitely helped me a great deal. I have trained a number of horses by Commanche Run but Bonny Scot is the first that is very similar both physically and as a character to him."

Almost warily, he adds: He has a chance. Any horse that has won his last two races which have been both group races has a chance."

Whatever the outcome, one of Britain's most astute racing brains looks set to make his presence known on and off course for years to come. "I don't think there is a place on earth I would enjoy training more than in England. I would not dream of training anywhere else. I would rather retire quietly and live in a bungalow somewhere."

RICHARD EVANS



Classic combination: Luca Cumani and jockey Frankie Dettori look ahead to this afternoon's St Leger at Doncaster

St Jovite can hold sway again over shorter trip

FROM OUR IRISH RACING CORRESPONDENT IN DUBLIN

ST JOVITE, who has put up two spectacular performances going right-handed over one and a half miles, attempts to prove that he is equally effective over ten furiones on a lefthanded course in the group one Kerry Group Irish Cham-pion Stakes at Leopardstown

The opposition includes both an Epsom Derby winner in Dr Devious and a Coral-Edipse Stakes heroine in Kooyonga, which should ensure that this is a true test of both his versatility and improvement.

St Jovite is admittedly a course and distance winner but according to the handicanper's ratings he has improved 18lb in the interim.

It was a remarkable effort to beat Dr Devious by a dozen lengths in the Budweiser Irish Derby and he was likewise always in command when beating Saddlers' Hall by six lengths in the King George VI and Queen Elizabeth Dia-

Peter Chapple-Hyam, who had originally thought of taking on St Jovite with his dual 2,000 Guineas winner Rodrigo De Triano, had his mind changed for him by the projection of a wet lead-up to the weekend. However, although the ground was still good to yielding yesterday, good possibility.

After Dr Devious returned home from the Curragh his

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4.30 KERRY GROUP CHAMPION STAKES

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2.20 Broughton Blues. 2.50 Carswell's Choice. 3.20 Never Forgotten. 3.50 Tigers Pet. 4.20 Mister Gebo. -4.50 Mardood.

2.20 BLACKPOLE SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE

(£1,670: 2m) (17 runners)

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5 01-P BEAUFAN 14 (CD.S) C Jackson 5-11-0 R Stronge
6 P-54 SUREWO JONN 8 R Weedhouse 5-10-10 S Turner
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8 12-P FARROLD HELL 214 (8) K Barte 4-10-8 D Bartin Jones
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10 8-05 SROUSHTON BALIES 39 W Massaya 4-10-8 D J Bartin Jones
11 44-2 BARILD 14 D Burchell 4-10-5 D J Bartin JONES 11 23-40 TREMBALINO 21 P Rediond 4-10-3 D J Bartin JONES 11 25 K Bridgarder 4-10-0 A Webb
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COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRANSPRS: W Bissail, 3 winaers from 3 marrers, 100.0%; M Pioe, 46 from 117, 39.3%; Miss H Knight, 9 from 33, 27.3%; P Evans, 3 from 13, 23.1%; D Murray-Smille, 3 from 14, 21.4%; N Twiston-Davies, 5 from 28, 17.9%.

"OCKEYS. J. Lover, 5 winners from 18 notes, 31.3%; A. Magaire, 7 Irom 34, 20.6%; W. Marston, 4 Irom 20, 20.0%; A.S. Sartin, 4 Irom 22, 17 4%, I. Shoervark, 3 from 19, 15.8%; G. McCourt, 12 Irom 80, 15.0%.

2.50 HENWICK HOVICES CHASE

(£1,684: 2m 7l) (9)

KOOYONGA beet Opera House 141 of Agentam (4-1 by J Farmend (4) 7 cm 12-numer group I Coral-Eclipse States at Sendown (1m 21 7yd, soft) in July.

OR DEVIOUS 41 3nd of 12 to Rodrigo De Trans on the group I Juddmonte International States at York (1m 21 8yd, good) with KOOYONGA below-per talled of less.

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as he was a very sick horse. On his comeback at York he ran a creditable fourth to Rodrigo De Triano and that run should have brought him on considerably.

The disappointing favourite at York was Kooyonga but there was a very good excuse in the table and second in the table and in that she was coming into

trainer's fears proved justified

Of the big three, she is the one for whom the distance wili be most suitable but, if St Jovite is to live up to trainer Jim Bolger's accolade that he is "the greatest horse ever to win an Irish Derby," he

Of even greater value on tomorrow's programme is the Ir£200,000 Tattersalis Breeders Stakes, a race restricted to graduates from the Tattersalls Ireland yearling sale of last

There is a strong English challenge headed by Mr Martini, trained by Clive Brittain, who has already plundered major Irish purses this season with User Friendly and

Sayyedati. Mr Martini's main rivals according to official ratings are Dark Eyed Lady, Special Pageant and I Have To Say.

BBC2 will show tomorrow's Irish Champion Stakes live in *Grandstand* while Channel 4 will include a recording in their 6pm racing programme, along with re-cordings of the big races at

3.20 HALLOW HOVICES HURDLE

3.50 COVENTRY HANDICAP CHASE (£1,918: 2m 4f 110yd) (5)

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1 -312 TIGERS PET 12 (Br.CD.F.S) W Beats 8-11-10 S Smith Eccles 2 CS4- ANDTHÉR SCHEDULE 121 (F.CD.C Brooks 11-11-8... G Bradley 3 -RSP VINCANTO 10 (F.S) M Pipe 10-11-4 J Lower 4 900- FUCULS ON FOSTER 121 (B.D.F.) J Webber 18-10-7 W Member (G)

1 61-1 ASS/GLAWI S3 (C.F.9) Miss H Knight 10-12-0 ... J Osborne
2 -362 DIANES DESTINY 12 (F.C.5) J Uppen 8-11-2 ... R Sepple
3 1-23 MISTER 6280 14 (B.F.F.6) J Edwards 7-11-1 ... N Williamson
4 15-1 LAPIAFE 17 (F.C.5) A Harrison 8-10-12 ... N MILLIANS (T)
5 33-5 CANON CLASS 7 (F.S.) D Hotolsky 11-10-1 ... NT J. Janes (T)
6 34-5 CHOMECUPPER 43 (C.F.6.5) B Precer 13-16-0 ... P Hide (T)

7-4 Assaylani, 3-1 Mister Gebo, 9-2 Lapiathe, 5-1 Diames Destroy, 10-1 Capon Class, 20-1 Crowscopper.

5-2 Parts of Toy, 7-2 batters, 4-1 Hram & Brithald, 5-1 Segimen, 10-1 Maydood, 14-1 Caronis Boy, 33-1 to Carolis

4.50 STOURBRIDGE HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,826: 2m 5i 110yd) (7)

4-5 Tigers Pet, 3-1 Llums Pride, 7-2 Another Schedule, 10-1 Vocando, 16-1 Focus On Foster.

4.20 BROWSGROVE HANDICAP CHASE

Cunning puts Arc aspirations to test

From Our French Racing Correspondent in paris

CUNNING, trained by Luca Cumani, and John Dunlop's Spring are joined by the Irish filly Market Booster in a strong challenge for the Prix Vermeille Escada at Long-champ tomorrow, a race which traditionally produces a live candidate for the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe.
The probable favourite is

Jolypha, whose objective this has been since her victory in the Prix de Diane Hennes at Chantilly in June. Andre Fabre's filly ran on well that day to beat Sheba Dancer by a length with Verveine third.

Cunning was impressive in landing the Galtres Stakes at York last time and is evidently improving. Whether she can match France's best three-

A Fabre 9-2 (D stoku). 6-2 Polytain, 3-1 Contested Bild, 4-1 Mad-gran, 6-1 Apple Tree, 7-1 Petit Loup, 8-1 Johann Custz, 10-1 others.

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GOING: GOOD TO FIRM

2.10 Mohana, 2.40 Palm House, 3.15 Four Trb. 3.55 Jinxy Jack, 4.25 Young Hustler, 4.55 Julietski,

2.10 Mohana, 2.40 Tulfarris, 3.15 Four Trix, 3.55 Jinxy Jack, 4.25 Young Hustler, 4.55 Miss Simone.

1 111 MCHANA 12 (0.F.G.5) M Pipe 11-2 P Scadenore
2 12 DESERT MST 14 (8F.B.F) Davis Snith 10-13 C Grant
3 4 HOWARD'S POST 21 JJ 0'Nedi 10-12 D Eddgwaler (3)
4 U LAW FACKLI VS G Ham 10-12 D Eddgwaler (3)
5 MAJORITY MAJOR W A Sequence 10-12 M Program (7)
6 ANOTHER NUT 8F P Evens 10-7 M A Program (7)
7 CHESTER BELLE 26F P Hesten 10-7 D Callegisten
8 WEEKEND GRU 19F W Brisbourne 10-7 B Dowling

1-3 Mobass, 11-2 Desert Mist, 12-1 Chester Bette, 16-1 Howard's Post, Law Faculty, 25-1 others.

SELLING HURDLE (£1,660: 2m 4f) (10)

1 -101 PALM HOUSE 8 (CD.FR.S) 6 Richards 7-11-8... J Murphy (3)

2 -SFF ANGELS KSS 10 (F.BF) M Php 7-11-8... M Frosts

3 /85- BOCA CHAMES 134 (5) Grennife Richards 7-11-9... M Prosts

4 000- BRADMORES VISION 80F (V.D.F) L Barrot 6-11-0... W Duses

5 ±25- DANCRIG DAYS 17F (8) J Partes 6-11-0... F Louisy (7)

8 21P- LEAGOFT (86 (5) A Jones 8-11-0... M A Prospector (5)

7 /52 OCEAN ROQUE 14 (5) P Parts 11-11-0... M A Prospector (5)

8 302- TRUPARRIS 12F M Hammand 5-11-0... M A Prospector (5)

9 5-52 RIRREYVALET 12C Tricking 7-10-9... D Britisproter

10 445- MICE CAPULET 12B T Downley 5-10-9... P Finitizaçon

7-4 Parts House, 9-4 Angel's Kiss, 11-2 Tellaris, 9-1 Boca (Zhistes, Leasand),

10-1 Dancing Days, Furryvala, 14-1 others.

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5 4-St SOLAR CLOUD 12 (C.F.G.S) M Charles 10-10-0 Jesty Davies (7) 8-11 Four True, 9-4 He Who Charle Wine, 11-2 Solar Cloud, 14-1 Bonnie Artist. 33-1 Grand Value.

☐ The Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe on October 4

will not be televised live. A recording will be

shown later. Channel 4 are covering Italian

2.40 HALGHTON CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS SELLING HURDLE (£1,660: 2m 4f) (10)

3.15 EMPAL HANDICAP CHASE

2.10 TILSTON THREE YEAR OLD NOVICES HURDLE (£1,912: 2m 10) (8 numers)

her plate than when winning at Newmarket in July. Market Booster, who ran User Friendly to a neck in the Irish Oaks, has since comfort-

ably won the Meld Stakes. She

may give Jolypha most to do. The Prix Niel has attracted no British runners but Frankie Dettori, aboard the Prix du Jockey-Chub winner Polytain, and Pat Eddery, on Contested Bid, ride the two principals. With just four runners for

the Prix Foy, the race may develop into a battle of tactics between the 1991 Arc runnerup Magic Night and Suboti-ca, who missed that race through injury after winning

Splendent and Canaska Star represent Britain in the Prix de la Salamandre but neither may hold the likely

5-2 Jolypha, 4-1 Mariet Booster, 5-1 Cur-ning, Veneure, 5-1 Trainyde, 10-1 Linnga, Palomelle, Urben See, 16-1 others.

Going: firm
2.00 PRoX NaEL BSCADA (Group it: 3-Y-O: £41,110: 1m 4f) (8 runners)
223 Contested Bid trained by M Ziber 9-2 (fidden by Pat Edden): 111 Petit Loup Arme C Head 9-2 (C Asmussan): 123 Gisnivities F Dournen 9-2 (E Legib): 131 Polytein A Span 9-2 (L Detori): 113 Songifines E Bertholomew 9-2 (O Benoist): 130 Apple Tree A Febre 9-2 (T James): 400 Johann Questz F Boutin 9-2 (F Head): 525 Merigman A Fabre 9-2 (D Boeud).
5-2 Polytagin, 3-1 Contested Bid, 4-1 Mari-8.96 PRIX DE LA SALAMANDRE (Group 1: 2-Y-O: £51,387: 71) (6 runners) activitization (A Fabre 8-11 (Pat Eddary): 198 / Prigmento F Bouen 8-11 (Pat Eddary): 198 / Prigmento F Bouen 8-11 (F Head): 151 Splenders Piar (GS) 8-11 (A Munn): 622 Canastra Piar F Kelevey (GS) 8-11 (S Cauther); 115 Didyme Mme C Head 8-11 (E Leght): 221 Teogal F Boutin 8-8 (E Seinl-Mentin). 4-5 Zafonio, 9-2 Spiendent, Didyme, 7-1 Cen-aske Star, 12-1 Kingmambo, 18-1 Tengs.

Johann Guetz, 10-1 githers.

2:30 PRIX VERMEILLE ESCADA (Group I: 3-Y-O filies: £102,775: Im 46 (11 numera) 121 Johypha A Fabre 9-2 (Pst Eddery); 114 Linngs A de Royer-Dunie 9-2 (G Guignard); 111 Cumfing L Cumsin (GS) 9-2 (L Deton); -611 Spring J Dunico 9-2 (W Carson); 121 Martest Bootster O Weld (ine) 9-2 (M J Kinare); 012 Trishyde F Boutin 9-2 (F Head); 021 Pelomelia A Spanu 9-2 (T Jamet); 341 forien Sea J Pelose 9-2 (C Black), 341 River Nymph J de Roualle 9-2 (E Legrid); 621 eme star, 12-1 kngmambo, 18-1 Tenga. 4.05 PRIX FOY ESCADA (Group III: 220,555: 1m 4) (4 numers) 121 Tel Cluel A Fabre 4-9-2 (5 Cauthan): 143 Subortica A Fabre 4-9-2 (7 Lamet): 624 Seganeca A Spanu 4-9-13 (C Asmusson); 321 Maglio Night P Demarcastel 4-9-13 (A Bade). 4-5 Magic Night, 9-4 Subotice, 9-2 Tel Quel, 10-1 Sageneca.

Petardia proves his worth with Champagne triumph

By Richard Evans, racing correspondent

WHEN bloodstock agent John Ferguson splashed out 125,000 guineas for a Petong colt at last year's October sales, several eyebrows were raised in disbelief.

To pay nearly ten times the going rate for a member of the family seemed rash, to say the least, at a time when sales prices were on the decline.

Even Ferguson was a bit
worried for a day or two
afterwards as the cost sank in.

But yesterday the fancy price tag appeared a bargain after Petardia showed his worth with an almost effortless victory in Doncaster's Laurent-Perrier Champagne Stakes to season's 2,000 Guineas.

"We had done every sale and he was the best yearling we'd seen anywhere," Fergu-son recalled. "We just wanted to buy a very mice horse for Mrs Moller and he was the one. We knew we would have to part with a lot of money because he was outstanding a real quality yearling."

Petardia's victory in the

Coventry Stakes more than justified his confidence but an inexplicably poor showing at York when last in the Gimcrack Stakes dented his reputation and left a question mark.

Michael Hills, riding with supreme confidence, held up Petardia at the rear of yesterday's nine-strong field. Always travelling comfortably, the winner could be spotted two furlongs out as he glided past rivals with a motionless jockey

3.55 GORDON MYTTON HOMES HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,528: 2m 1f) (3)

10-11 Jimy Jeck, 11-8 Deb's Ball, 8-1 Jamestown Boy.

4.25 RUTHIN MOVICES CHASE (\$2,476; 2m 4f 110yd) (6)

3 180- JAMESTOWN BOY 318 (B.C.F.S) 8 Proce 4-10-0 R Devis (7)

B FP02 DAPPING 14 (6,5) A James 8-11-3 R Bellamy

4-8 Young Hastler, 9-2 Well Briefed, 13-2 Continuous, 12-1 Danning, 16-1 Aylul, 20-1 Thin Red Line.

4.55 REDBROOK NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE

1 32-1 JULETSG 22 (V.D.P.) M Hassmond 4-11-10 P Rheen
2 0-31 WAR SEAT 15 P3 B Bargh 4-11-8 R Strongs
3 5311 WAR SEAT 15 P3 B Bargh 4-11-9 F Sexismone
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4 523- White OF RESERVA 121 J J-Mary 4-11-2 R Darksmone
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5 4-10 GARDY'S DARLING 28 R Seat 7-10-11 R Darks (7)
6 00-6 00-5 00-10000R 113 K Ridgington 4-10-11 D Biblysmine (3)
7 030 SALLY PIGTALS 179 A J Wilson 6-10-5 B GMINN (3)

2-1 Miss Simone, 3-1 Way Best, 7-2 Julistikl, 8-1 Wileys Of Freedom, 12-1 Datity's Darling, 16-1 Safty Pigtalls, 20-1 Debt Of Homour.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRANERS: M Pipe, 24 wirmers from 68 navures, 95.9%, G Richards, 24 kom 92, 26.1%, G Hart, 8 from 31, 25.8%, J Jenkins, 3 from 12, 25.0%, N Twiston-Davies, 4 from 18, 22.2%, J J O'Neld, 6 from 28, 72.4%,

JOCKEYS: P Seedamore, 18 winters from 45 rides, 38.1%, N Doughty, 15 from 50, 30.0%; C Grant, 11 from 41, 25.8%, P Noves, 4 from 18, 22.2%; M Dwyer, 9 from 42, 21.4%; B Dowling, 7 from 34, 20.6%.

Racing next week
MONDAY: Leicester, Bath, Plumpton.

TUESDAY: Sandown Park, Yarmouth, Sedge-

WEDNESDAY: Sandown Park, Beverley, Yar-

THURSDAY: Ayr, Lingfield Park, Beverley, Yarmouth, Uttoxeter.

FRIDAY: Ayr, Newbury, Southwell, Huntingdon.

SATURDAY: Ayr, Newbury, Catterick Bridge, Worcester, Market Rasen.

(Flat meetings in bold)

Lord President, a heavily backed 6-4 favourite in the absence of White Crown, led briefly near the furlong pole but never looked a threat as Petardia swept into the lead and held the fast-finishing Needle Gun by a length and a half, with Fitzcarraido a neck

away third. Geoff Wragg, who can do little wrong at the moment, said: "He will have no problem with the Guineas trip. I don't think I shall run him any more this year. He is a growing horse and he could

outgrow his strength."
The Newmarket trainer remains baffled by the Gim-

bit too firm for him - he jumped a path shortly after the start and was never balanced. It was too bad to be true." On a day of eight races, Taos deserves special mention.

not just because he was the sixth winner of the meeting for Shakh Moharamed. The Sadler's Wells colt. who is closely related to numerous winners - including Tolmi. Tachypous, Tromos and Tyrnavos - came from last to

pagne Maiden.

Sunday debate.

first in stylish fashion to win

the second division of the

Laurent-Perrier Rose Cham-

PARTY CONTRACTOR STATES

Doncaster

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1.05 (1m) 1, DAKAR RALLY (8 Cauthers, 74 Sey; 2, Desert Secret (Pet Ecidery, 11-2;
3, Cyrus The Bold (14 Hits, 14-1), ALSO
RAN: 9-2 Zind (4th), 8 My Patierch, 10 I
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22.70; 21.40, 21.50, 26.70, DF: 23.80, CSF12.18. Imin 40.78esc. After a stewards'
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1.35 (1m) 1, Tilk FA (L. Deborl, 10-1); 2, L'Hermine (Pat Edday, 12-1); 3, Taib (W. Carson, 5-2 (ey), ALSO FAN: 5 Dewash, Herota (4th), King Olaf (5th), 8 Muhayad (6th), 9 Beware O'Aganta, 8 ran, 3; 44, 3%, 7, 44, B Harbury at Newmarkst, Tota: 29.90; 21.60, C2.20, E1.40, DF: 250.10, CSF: £102.02, 1min 39.16eec.

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2.05 (Irm) 1. TAOS (S. Caumen, 11-2); 2, Planetary Aspect (Paul Eddery, 6-1); 3, Allezzel (J. Dettori, 7-2 (an), ALSO RAN: 4 Deanst Challenger (Sit), 11-2 Fabler, 8 Soul Emperor (Sit), 10 Tioga (pu), 14 Beaumen, 25 Stape Arts., 33 Grand Applease, Arc Bright (4th), 11 ran. NR: Heart Tast. 1/sl., 4, 3, rik shihd. J Gosden at Newmarket, Tota: 55.70; 21-90, 42-90, 51-80. DE: 550.90. CSF: 537.38, Imm 42.01sec.

CSF: 237.36. Trent 42.0188c.
2.55 (1m) 1, NASHVILLE BILUES (M Hile, 14-1); 2, Tehislan (J Fanning, 7-1); 3, Marry A Cuest (L Dettori, 7-1), ALSO RAN: 7-2 (sw Merlins Wish (4th), 15-2 Scandalmonger, 8 Boy Marin, 9 Phivare Vista (8th), 12 Houston's Will, Gold Blatie, 14 Gymcrak Tyccon, Amasing Feat, 25 Pippin Park (8th), 100 Gold Bat. 13 ran. 119, 1194, 294, rik. 194, J Hills at Lamboum. Tote: £15.60; 23.80, £3.00, £2.90. DF: £83.10. CSF: £98.57 Tricast: £98.58.1. Tric: £128.50 (rpin 41.0888c.)

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3.05 (Im 49 1, KASMAYO (S Cauthen, 9-4);
2. Duke Of EuroBink (I. Dettori, 11-8 tav); 3.
Polish Blue (B Reymond, 9-2), ALSO RAN;
7 Anchorise (ath), 14 Royal Seaton (5th), 5
ran, NR; Besotted, 19-1, 9, hd, 15-1, J
Godden at Newmarket, Tote: 22.90; 21.40, 51.30. DF; 52.20. CSF. 55.50. 2mm;
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2.25 LAURIENT-PERRIER CHAMPAGINE
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Recing) 8-0 M Hills (11-2)
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Princess (S Manena) 8-11 S Caustein (20-1)
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Jackpot: not won (pool of £31,090.45 carried forward to Doncaster today).
Plecepot: £239.00.

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2.10 (im 4f) 1, GREEN LANE (D Hartson,
9-2); 2. Top Royal (T Quinn, 11-4 jt-tax); 3.
Sheringa (J Williams, 11-4 jt-tax), ALSO
RANE 6 Cosmic Future, 15-2 Mejal (6th), 14
Rapporture (4th), 25 Fessilem, Debacte
(5th) 8 ran. Nr. 294, Nr. 294, Ind. R Cheriton
at Beckhampton, Tote: 24 40; 21 40, 21, 10,
21,50. DF: 55,90. CSF: £15,91. Titeast
234,97. 2/mm 44,68sec.

2.40 (1m) 1, BLUSH RAMBLER (C Asmussen, 3-1); 2, Nordinastor (W Ryen, 18-1); 3, Woodchat (T Curin, 8-11 lav), ALSO RAN: 11-2 Futurballs (Stri), 20 Royal Roller 4th), 33 Glossing Value (6th), 8 ran, 4L nk, 10, 194, 30L M Socials of Neumanina, Toller 84 10; £1.60, £2.80, DF: £18.90, CSF: \$34.85, 1min 43,55sec.

\$34.85. Imin 43.55sec.

\$.10 (Im 1) 1, HAMADRYAD (N Gwilliams, 25-1); 2, Wr Tate (J Fortune, 20-1); 3, Sabbyng (D Holland, 12-1), 4, Lady Laolly (Dale Gibson, 12-1), 4, Lady Laolly (Dale Gibson, 12-1), ALSO RAN: 5-1 iav Roseate Lodge (6th., 7 Fet On Time, 8 Surrey Demoer, 10 Cru Exceptionnel, 14 Grand Vitesse, Absent Relative, 14 Bertico, Rigar Shoot (6th), 20 Smiting Cheef, Gerachico, Royal Demoor, 12 Sir Norman Holt, 66 Forge Bay, 200 Dr Zeve, 18 rsn. 5, M. H., M.; 2. W Centre at Epsom. Tota: E49.20; S3.20, E4.10, E2.30, E3.00. DP: 598.25. CSF: 238.78. Thicast: E5.5556.84. Tric: 227.80 (env) 2 of fint 3 with any other horse). Imin 59.42sec.

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3.40 ABTRUST SELECT STAKES (Group III: E18,550: Im 2)
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Jaune of is Kalagiow - Youthell (Sir R McAlpine) 3.8-10 F Cochrane (3-4 8-im) 2.
Party Cited b / Alleged - Dream Play (R Tooth) 3-8-4 J Witsens (18-1)
ALSO RAN: 9-4 k-lav Gootalk (Sir), 11-2 Perpendicular (4th), 7 Lucky Lindy, 11 Environment Friend (8th), 25 Boozeo, 38 Run Don't Fly. 66 Katrous Thorpe. 10 ren. isl. 2, 11/6, 11/4, 2, J Gooden at Newmerical. Tota: E23.90, CSF: 575.56, 17to: 158.60, 2min 12.54sec.

222.90. CSF: £75.95. Tric: £28.80. 2min 72.54sec.
4.10 (Irm) 1, FRAAM (J. Fortune, 7-2; 2, Lelf The Lucky (R Cochrane, 5-1); 3, Bersthin (J. Reid, 13-8 favl. ALSO RAN: 7 Stitched Up (50)), 12 Our Man in Havers, 14 Vernonia, 16 Cormorant Bay (4th), 20 Lake Dominion (801), 33 Corchinaly, I'm Curious, 50 Lloyds Dream, Nasseer, Emily Alan, 13 ran, 194, 8, in 63, 43 hd, A Scott at Newmarket, Tote: 26.20; £2.30, £1.70, £1.50, DF: £18.00. CSF: £21.25, Imin 44,80sec.
4.45 (Irm) 1, BROAD APPEAL (D Herrison, 14-1); 2, Keep Your Word (J. Williams, 6-1); 3, Lucky Noire (A Cark, 12-1), A Pearl Ransoon (G Carter, 25-1), ALSO RAN: 100-30 fav Front Page, 8 Breazed Well (8th), 9 Footish Touch, 10 (Besevos, Nawar (6th), 12 Safinger, 14 Kelly's Kita, 16 Motador, 20 Ryewater Dream, Jarzon Cenner, 33 Heroes Sasth, Dawn's Delight, First Flush, 17 ran, 314, 244, 141, 141, st hd, R Spicer et Spatishin, Tote, £16,70, £3.00, £1,60, £1.70, £9.00. DF: £31.70. CSF: £94.76, Tneast: £967.58, Irmin 44.28sec.

E967.69. Imin 44.26sec.
5.20 (60) 1. RAIN EROTHER (O Holland, 5-4 favi; 2. Desert Venus (W Ryan, 4-1); 3. Law Commission (J Williams, 10-1). ALSO RAIN 8 Eathel (Sth). 14 Show Fath, 16 Michanier Dream, Sendowrit, 20 Il Moro Di Veneza, 33 Hard Eight, Mauser, Nebjetsedr (4to), My Harvirsid (8th), 50 Deley No More, Intantry Gin. Tickery's Gift, Bonta Bee, Tell Marra, 17 rsn. 11, sh hd, 34f, 24f, 4l. P. Chapple-Hyem at Marrion. Tota: \$2.60; 21.80, 22.00, 23.30. DF: £4.80 CSF: £6.80. Intin 15.77sec. Placepot: \$179.40,

Worcester

Going: firm
2.25 (2m 51 110yd hole) 1, Handy Dove (J. Osborie, 1-6 lay); 2, Opening Overture (8-1). Only two linished 3 ran Net Bod Street Bluss, Feithul Star, 1½I, R Price, Tote: (1.10, DF; 22.20 CSF; 21.76, 2.55 (2m ch) 1, Dyffin (J. Relton, 12-1), 2, Gistion Less (25-1); 3, Four Rivers (25-1), Outsyage, Redignere Get and Trimlough 7-2, Max. 10 ren. 12, 8i, K Burks, Tote: £18.20; 21.90, 22.80, 24.90. DF; 268.30. CSF; 2306.29. 206.29.
3.25 (Am hole) 1, Hunting Ground (M Perrett, 7-2); 2, Master Dancer (11-1); 3, Innocent Princess (2-1 fay), 6 ran, NR: Viscount Tully, 2, 2, 6 Herwood, Tole: 63.40; 62.50, 63.10. DF. 220.20. CSF

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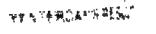
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Bonny Scot to bring owner change of luck in last classic

Roberto, whose son Touching

Wood won the St Leger ten

years ago, he is by no means

certain to see out today's trip

on breeding, whereas Bonny

On paper, the group two Flying Childers Stakes looks a

match between Millyant and

Niche, and I expect it to work

with todays' group two sprint in mind by Rae Guest since

she won the Molecomb Stakes

On that occasion she com-

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at Goodwood in late July.

Millyant has been trained.

out that way in practice.

Scot most certainly should.

FOR the last two years Lord Weinstock has had to be content with seeing his colours carried into second place in the Coalite St Leger by Hellenic and Saddlers' Hall.

Now, in the possible absence of both User Friendly and Allegan, Lord Weinstock can expect to go one better at Doncaster today with Bonny Scot, who enters the fray on a high having won the Gordon Stakes at Goodwood and the Great Voltigeur Stakes at

Triple Oaks winner User Friendly would obviously have an outstanding chance at her best. However, her participa-tion remains in doubt because of the conditions underfoot Understandably, connections are reluctant to see her jarred up so close to her main objective, the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe.

Henry Cecil has gone even further in saying that Allegan will now run only in the event of significant overnight rain, bearing in mind the injury he sustained earlier this year.

Being by Commanche Run, who gave Luca Cumani his first taste of classic success on the corresponding occasion eight years ago, out of a mare

Aug 29, Goodwood, good to soft:

May 2, Newmarket, good: (9-4) best lywean (9-4) 11/41 (1m 4f, £4,230, graduation, 4 ran).

Apr 20, Kempton, good to soft: (8-0) beat PAIN RIDER (9-0) 10I (1m 2i, \$2,658, maiden, 11 ran).

Aug 18, York, good: see BONNY SCOT.

SCOT.
Jun 3, Epsom, good: (9-0) 25! 13th
to Dr Devlous (9-0) (1m 4f, £355,00,
group i Ever Ready Derby, 18 ran).
May 9, Lingfield, good: (9-0) bast
Taple Rouge (9-0) With BONNY
SCOT (9-0) 2%! 3rd (1m 3f 106yd,
£35,740, group III Derby Idai, 7

Aug 18, York, good: (5-9) beat SONUS (8-9) ½I with ASSESSOR (8-9) 2½I 3rd (1m 3t 195yd, £49,572, group II Greet Vottigeur Stakes, 6 ran).

July 28, Goodwood, good: (8-10) beat Affora (8-10) 2I (1m 4f, £17,000, group III Gordon Stakes, 8

BONNY SCOT

3.40 COALITE ST LEGER STAKES

MICHAEL PHILLIPS

by Shirley Heights, Bonny Scot should have no difficulty in coping with today's dis-

Having said that, he was beaten half a length by Rain Rider on the only occasion that he tackled this trip at Newmarket in July. However, he was trying to give 51b that day to the horse who has since succeeded, albeit it only narrowly, in giving 4lb to the hitherto unbeaten Allegan in the March Stakes at Goodwood. Now they all meet at level weights.

If judged on his York form, Bonny Scot certainly has nothing to fear from either Sonus

Significantly, Willie Carson has opted to ride Rain Rider in preference to Mack The Knife. whom he partnered to a fourlength victory at Windsor a fortnight ago.
Shuailaan, the only other runner, has bounced back to

BIG-RACE FIELD

(b c Alleged - Artiste) (Green, pink sash and cap, white sleeves)

(b c Niniski - Dingle Bay) (Black, yellow cap) BONNY SCOT (Lord Weinstock) L Cumani 9-0 (b c Commanche Run - Scots Lass) (Pale blue, yellow and white check cap)

BETTING: 2-1 User Friendly, 11-4 Bonny Scot, 4-1 Rain Rider, 6-1 Allegan, 7-1 Sonus, 12-1 Assessor 14-1 Mack The Knife, 16-1 Shuallean.

1991: TOULON 9-0 Pat Eddery (5-2 fev) A Fabre (Fr) 10 ran

Form guide to the eight contenders

Aug 29, Windsor, good: (5-4) best Anchorke (5-4) 4f (1m 3f 135yd, £2,574, graduation, 8 ran). May 5, Chester, good: (8-11) 1161 3rd to Twist And Turn (8-11) (1m 4f 56yd, £29,808, group ill Chester Vase, 5 ran). Apr 16: Newmerket, good: (8-11)

15i 7th to Twist And Turn (8-11) (1m 2i, £10,416, fist, 8 ran).

Aug 29, Goodwood, good to soft (9-1) best ALLEGAN (8-11) hd (1m 6f, £10,770, list, 4 ran).

Jul 9, Newmarket, good: (8-10) best BONNY SCOT (8-1) Val (1m 77, £9,688, list, 6 ran).

Jun 24, Salisbury, firm: (8-6) best Glaladale (8-6) %I (1m 6f, £3,428, 4

Apr 20, Kempton, good to soft: see ALLEGAN.

MACK THE KNIFE

RAIN RIDER

SHUAILAAN

(Group I: 3-Y-O: colts & fillies: £161,368: 1m 6f 132yd) (8 runners)

MACK THE KNIFE (Sir John Astor) W Hern 9-0_

(b c Kris - The Dancer) (Light blue, pink sash

SHUALAAN (Shaikh Ahmed Al Maktoum) A Stewart 9-0... (ch c Roberto - Lassie's Lady) (Yellow, black epaulets)

112 ALLEGAN (K Abdulla) H Cecil 9-0...

(B) 13-3103 ASSESSOR (B Nielsen) R Hannon 9-0.....

form by winning over a mile Guest: sends the speedy and over ten furlongs at Windsor recently after being Millyant to Doncaster

laid low by a virus since the fortably accounted for, among spring. Although he is by others, Niche, albeit on 5lb

At level weights there should be much less between them this time, more especially since Niche looked better at York last month when she won the Lowther Stakes than she had done at Goodwood. However, Millyant still gets the vote because she appears to have the greater scope for improvement

Today's nap, though, goes to Perfect Circle to win the Reference Point Sceptre

All the indications on Newmarket Heath have been that Michael Stoute has nursed this potentially top-class per-former back to her best and that she is ready to put that dreadful run in the Oaks, where she finished tailed off last, behind her.

Before that, Perfect Circle had been beaten a length by All At Sea in the Musidora Stakes at York after a rather unlucky run in fourth place behind Hatoof, Marling and Kenbu in the 1,000 Guineas. In the light of subsequent events, the form of those two races bears the closest

Morning verdict on

Doncaster yesterday and course officials deciding to water the good to firm ground yesterday evening, Gredley and trainer Cive Brittain remain optimistic that she

the morning. At the moment, User Friendly is an intended

of the course. "We are going to water in order to take the jar out of the ground," Moore said. "It's definitely not to favour any particular horse or trainer. We've seven races to think about tomorrow and we don't want any harm to come to any of the horses."

favourite

A DECISION on whether User Friendly will run in today's St Leger will not be made until this morning. Allegan is also a doubtful

Bill Gredley's triple Oaks winner was declared for the final classic at yesterday's overnight stage but taken out of her alternative weekend engagement, the Prix Vermeille Escada at Longchamp MORROTTOW.

With a little rain falling at

Speaking at Goodwood yes-terday, Gredley said: "We will make a definite decision in

Allegan seems less likely to run. In a statement yesterday, Henry Cecil said: "The connections of Allegan feel it is right to warn the public that, in view of the injury he sustained earlier in the year. he will run only if there is significant overnight rain." The decision to water the course was announced by Charlie Moore, assistant clerk

Aug 29, Windsor, good: (8-10) best Adam Smith (9-4) hd (1m 2f, 19,708, list, 7 ran). Aug 10, Windsor, good: (9-2) best Reported (9-5) rik (1m 67yd, 53,002, grad, 6 ran). Jul 9, see RAIN RIDER. Jun 16, Ascot, see SONUS. Way 9, see ASSESSOR. Selection: RAIN RIDER CHERSTON Holland lifts group prize

PATIENCE proved a virtue for Darryll Holland when he landed a surprise win in the Abtrust Select Stakes at Goodwood yesterday on the John Gosden-trained Knifebox (Paul Wheeler writes).

Last year's champion apprentice has had a thin time recently and as he returned on his 32nd winner of the season. and his first domestic group winner, he said: "I needed that one." Knifebox, a 25-1 shot, took

the lead from the start and was well clear early on. But the field started to catch him with two furlangs to go and it took a display of some tenacity to repel the challenge of Jeune. Selkirk and Seattle Rhyme.

the previous two winners of the Stardom Stakes, have gone on to better things and Blush Rambler scored yesterday in a manner which suggests the Blushing Groom colt may emulate them.



4.00 HEATHER SELLING STAKES

May 1, Newmarket, good: (8-13) 21 2nd to Captain Horatius (8-13) (1m 2), £10,770, jist, 6 pan), Fig. 100.

Aug 18, York, good: see BONNY SCOT.

Jun 16, Ascot, good to firm: (8-8)

SCOT (8-8) 2% li 8th (1m 41, 287,473, group il King Edward VII Stakes, 12 ran).

Jun 2, Newbury, good: (8-8) beet Fair Average (9-11) % (1m 2f, 24,425, 8 ren).

Aug 19, York, good to firm: (8-11) beat Bineyah (8-11) 2½ (1m 4f, £77,728, group I Yorkshire Oaks,

Jul 11, The Curregh, yield, (9-0) beat Market Booster (9-0) rik (1m 4f, £121,000, Irish Oaks, 9 ran).

Jun 6, Epsom, good to soft (9-0) beat All At Sea (9-0) 31/4 (1m 4f, £147,500, group I Gold Seal Caks, 7 nm).

USER FRIENDLY

MANDARIN 2.15 Pharty Story, 2.45 Loki, 3.20 Glimpee Of Heaven, 4.00 Just A Step. 4.30 Errir Albadou, 5.00 Bells Of Longwick THUNDERER

2.15 Tetradonna. 2.45 Loki. 3.20 Siue Nova. 4.00 Prince Of The Sec. 4.30 Neither Nor. 5.00 Jigsaw Our Newmarket Correspondent: 4.30 Emir Albadou.

DRAW: 5F 16YD-7F 16YD, HIGH NUMBERS BEST

2.15 BRECON APPRENTICE STAKES (£2,469: 1m 2i 36yd) (7 runners) 1 S121 PHARLY STORY 27 (D.F.G.S.) M Pipe 49-0... E Hesband (3) 4
2 CELTE BAKKO I Robers 7-8-4... T Wilson (3) 5
3 CENEY DOW: 1.331 R Pites 7-8-4... F Bown (3) 2
4 4-5 LIDY MARRIOTT 26 1 Cornent 48-4... J C Henris (7) 3
5 4330 TETRADOWN 44 R Hamman 48-4... D Gobbs (3) 1
6 LIADY ATHAN 12 (C.S.) 8 Bater 3-8-2... R Western (7) 5
7 5554 JUNEPER BERRY 12 (S) P Chapple-Hyern 3-8-2... Newton 7 5-4 Pastly Story, 13-8 Trisatomes, 6-3 Juniper Deny, 14-1 Lady Marries, 16-1 Affac, 66-1 others.

2.45 CLEARWELL HANDICAP (£3,524: 1m 2i 36yd) (6) 1 1211 LORI 12 (D.F.G.S) & Lonis 4-9-10 B Rissant (7) & 2 1503 BOWNERI BOY 24 (B.D.F.G.S) N Cataginus 49-4 W Ryan 3 5831 STATALACK 12 (B.S.) D Bismoth 49-3 B Williams 49-5 PRoblemon 5 4 0404 ELEGANT FRIESIO 7 (F) M Tompins 4-9-2 P Roblemon 3 5 3033 GACHETTE 12 J Schills 3-8-3 A Tuster (9 4 5 05) VARIANTU 11 T Tromson Jones 3-8-9 M Caracte 1

9-4 Degard Franci, 11-4 Statepack, 7-2 Lois, 5-1 Bouchen Boy, 10-1 Gathatin, 16-1

3.20 TATTERSALLS MADDEN AUCTION SERIES STAKES (2-Y-0: £2,616: 7f 16yd) (11) 2-1 Blue More, 7-2 Ample, 9-2 Surprise Surprise, 7-1 Gillingson Cl. Hasson 18-1 Murphy's Hope, 20-1 Junetion Trenty-Too, Fast Flora, 25-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS TRAINERS: (, Cursaid, 10 winners from 19 repners, 52.6%, M Pipe, 6 from 26, 23.1%, J Subcitie, 3 from 15, 20.0%, M Tompkins, 3 from 16, 18.6%; M Stoute, 3 from 17, 17.6%; P Coin, 12 from 74, 16.4%. JOCKEYS: G Hand, 5 versess from 23 rides, 21.7%; A Manno, 5 from 34, 14 7%, W Physic, 4 from 29, 13.6%; N Cartasto, 5 from 40, 12.5%. Only considers

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4.30 RYEFORD MAIDEN STAKES

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3 0200 PAYCE-VERYED 9 (7) F.6 Habra 3-9-3. S Downs (7) 4
6 2900 JSSAW BOYS 16 (7) R Habra 3-9-0. J Wilson 5-9
5 0550 MORLE POWER 9 (1), G P Palling 3-8-9 W Ryan 8
6 0051 ASHTMAN 12 (0,F.S.S) R Hooges 7-9-7 M Heaving (5) 3
7 2221 BELLS OF LONGWICK 9 (V.D.S.S) D Laugh 3-8-6 T WHITEN 7
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Captain Horatius represents John Dunlop ☐ Empire Cool, owned by the Queen, runs for Lord Huntingdon in the Criterium de l'Ouest at Craon today. Cash Asmussen rides.

The daughters dged 18 and 22.

in the Stockholm Cup at Taby tomorrow. The race, which is worth £48,123 to the winner and run over one and a half miles, has amracied 15 runners. Willie Ryan rides Captain Horatius, who faces opponents from France, Denmark and Norway as well as the host nation.

DONCASTER

MANDARIN 2.05 Norling. 3.40 Bonny Scott. 4.45 PERFECT CIRCLE (nap).

2.05 Touch Silver. 2.35 Piquant 3.05 Millyant 3.40 BONNY SCOT (nap). 4.15 Mellottin 4.45 Perfect Circle.

THUNDERER

RICHARD EVANS: 3.05 Satank, 3.40 BONNY SCOT (nap), Our Newmarket Correspondent. 3.05 MILLYANT (nap). 3.40 Bonny

GOING: GOOD DRAW: 5F-7F, HIGH NUMBERS BEST; 1M, LOW NUMBERS BEST

Private Handicapper's top rating: 4.15 JAHANGRL

2.05 BATTLE OF BRITAIN NURSERY HANDICAP (2-Y-0: £4,045: 6f) (12 runners)

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185 Nr CASE 14 (J. Norman) R Harmon 9-4
185002 POLLY VISION 8 (Reswell Françs Lúb R Harmon 9-2
4243 Nr CARG TELEGRAPH 16 (G.P.) (C.IR Wood) J Pezrce 9-1
5-16 CHILL HEIGHTS 8 (D.S.) (S Abeninorough) 6 Balang 9-8
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2.35 ROTHMANS ROYALS NORTH SOUTH CHALLENGE GET 107 WESTER BURNEY & TOURISTS BEINGE, T-1 LINING QUIEN. Forever Diamonals Talentesis, 8-7 State Diamon, Physical, 10-7 Audin British, Shenyalin, 12-1 Diamon Splendor, Habata, 16-1 others.

3.05 FLYING CHILDERS STAKES (Group It: 2-Y-0: \$22,680: 5f) (7 runners)

FORM FOCUS

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CHEPSTOW: 3.20 Wickins, Monday At Three, 4.00 Hubbers Faavounte, 4.30 Hel's Creek, Caeting Shadows, DONCASTER: 2.35 Self Expression, GOODWOOD: 3.00 Sunday's Hill, Kayvee.

***GOODWOOD**

2.00 Buttards Ballbuoy. 3.00 So Rhythmical. 3.30 Farat. 4.10 Bill Moon. 4.40 Simonov.

5.10 Jizyah.

2.00 Tiffany's Case. SU HOSK PROGE. 3.00 Assignment. 3.30 Ideal Candidate. 4.10 Jolto. 4.40 By Arrangement. 5.10 Palace Pageant.

THUNDERER

RICHARD EVANS: 5.10 Palace Pageent.

GOING: GOOD DRAW: 6F-1M, HIGH NUMBERS BEST

2.00 ANC EXPRESS DELIVERY TROPHY HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £7,830; 1m) (12 runners) BBC1 (4) 221942 BOLD BOSS 7 (D, E) (B Humbury) B Humbury 9-7.

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2.30 HIGHLAND SPRING/ROA NURSERY HAMENCAP (2-Y-0: £4,175: 70) (12 numers)

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7	(9) 030100 CREST SOURCE 23 (D.P.) (R Naylor) R Johnson Haughten 8-3	D Holfand 98	
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3.00 LADBROKE RACING SPRINT HANDICAP BBC1 BETTME: 7-1 Passissojon Waltz, 8-1 So Rhythmood, Hard To Figure, 10-1 Petraco, Ambellefül, 12-1 Assignment, Naproo, Russiag Giorgese, 14-1 Rad Rossin, Augstud, 16-1 Rathercoot, Massista, 28-1 Crystal Jack, Mentalassanytim, Bullion Rules, 25-7 (1704).

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GUIDE TO OUR RACECARD

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3.40 COALITE ST LEGER STAKES (Group F 3-Y-O colts & fillies: £161,368; 1m 6f 132yd) (8 runners) RUNNERS AND RIDERS — SEE LEFT

4.15 COALITE HANDICAP (£23,150: 1m str) (15 runners)

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Honda's farewell leaves McLaren car without power

EVENTS off the track dominated discussion here yesterday. While Nigel Mansell was busy recording the fastest practice time for the Italian grand prix to be held here tomorrow all eyes were on the McLaren team of Ron

Dennis and his leading driver, Ayrton Senna, talked much but said little to lift the cloud of mystery over who will be driving for which team next year and which engine will be fused by McLaren following Honda's withdrawal from

Mansell is at the centre of the driver mystery, but his most eloquent performance was given on the track but yesterday even his Williams-Renault, although fastest, did not obliterate the opposition quite the way he has done this season. Senna and Jean Alesi, in a Ferrari, were within half a econd, as was his team-mate,

After practice, Mansell said that he has had problems with his engine and that he hoped that today his times would improve significantly. "We're struggling, there's no question about that." A good number of teams in the pit lane would ike to struggle like Williams

on a bad day.
Dennis, who has flown 16,000 miles in the last few days, looked remarkably fresh considering he had hosted a press conference in New York on Thursday morning. There he introduced his new driver,



overtake, and have the speed and the aggression to be the best". His signing of Andretti has fuelled speculation that he was about to clinch a deal with an American engine manufacturer. But Ford, according to Ford Europe spokesmen and the Benetton management, have agreed a three-year deal with the Italian-owned team, and this includes both the V8 and the untried V12 engines.

The only other engines available would be either the Lamborghini VI2, owned by Chrysler, or the Illmor V10. owned by General Motors. That is what is available in the United States. But Dennis refused to be drawn on the subject except to confirm that Honda had told him as far back as December 1991 that they would be pulling out at the end of this season.

"Not even my wife knows who I am talking to," he said. This of course is no great

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unaccustomed position to have to wait and see what Dennis will ask him to race with next year.

The Brazilian talked at length about Honda. "I was instumental in bringing them the Lotus, and in taking them to McLaren too. It is a great loss to the sport, to McLaren, and to me too. I liked the way they worked, it suited my style Now I have to wait and see."

The former world champion seemed under some pressure as he kept wringing his hands, explaining that he thought that Honda had felt that McLaren had not kept the pace set by the Japanese in the continuing development of the car. He admitted that he too had known for a long time that Honda was going to pull out and that had influenced his thinking and his desire to shift to Williams, a more

"I understand his need to put himself in a position to position in the team is not made easier by the fact that I will not share any information with him regarding engines. So I accept that he might have to leave McLaren, to pursue his will to win."

And Mansell All will be revealed this weekend, he says. Frank Williams is saying nothing, except that he will remind questioners that he is a businessman. Meanwhile the vociferous Ferrari supporters, despite rain and recession. have arrived in great

BOXING

Hodkinson's title looks safe

FROM SRIKUMAR SEN, BOXING CORRESPONDENT, IN TOULOUSE

Boxing Council featherweight champion, from Liverpool, could halt the run of British -failures on the Continent here

 Hodkinson is the only British world champion who holds a title of a universally recognised world body, and should be too good for Fabrice

Although lured here, like the 18 Britons before him, by his biggest pay-day in 22 contests, Hodkinson is certain he will return with his title. He prefers to box away from home. "There's too much pressure at home. I feel relaxed

here," he said yesterday. However, his confidence could have something to do with the fact that Benichou used to train in Belfast in the gym of B. J. Eastwood, Hodkinson's manager, and is

known to his trainer, Bernado Checka. "Benichou has an awkward style," Checka said. "Paul will have to be careful for three or four rounds, then Benichou will get fired and Paul will go for him."

lift the IBF title, against

had only one defeat and one draw in 22 contests, Benichou Hodkinson's only fear is for

has lost 11 of his 44 bourts. his eyes. He tends to collect lumps and bumps quickly, which often impair his vision.

The Frenchman appears to be past his best. After losing his International Boxing Federation (IBF) title in 1989. he moved up to super-bantamweight but failed to lift the world title. He then moved up to featherweight, twice beat John Davison, of Newcastle, but then again was unable to

Miguel Medina. Whereas Hodkinson has

Eastwood tries to prevent this by keeping his face cool by continually wiping it with iced vaseline and adrenalin.

Hodkinson will have to watch for Benichou's head and take notice of a warning from Davison: "Benichou is absolutely lethal with his head. He ducks low, comes up and catches you with the back of his head. Paul must be

careful." Whether this unorthodox tactic has anything to do with the fact that Benichou comes from a circus family, and used to be a contortionist and

Paul has the style and class to beat him if he sticks with the jab," Davison said. Hodkinson does not intend to fall for any tricks, and said that he would use the jab and come out only when it was safe to put his opponent away.

burgh Castle. When Hamish Henderson,



Conner blends together a team of rivals

By BARRY PICKTHALL

DENNIS Conner, one of the world's top yachtsmen, proved he was also the archetypal pragmatist at Southampton yesterday. The America's Cup skipper an-nounced that he had pulled together a team of arch rivals to help him win next year's Whitbread Round the World

Leading Conner's challenge, sponsored by Winston, the American cigarette brand, is Brad Butterworth, the New

gated Chris Dickson's controversial glassfibre America's Cup challenger in 1987. Conner caused a furore when he questioned New Zealand's motives for campaigning a plastic yacht by saying: "Why else would you want to build a wanted to cheat."

Butterworth went on to pariner Peter Blake aboard the 1989-90 Whitbread winner Steinlager II and returned to navigate Michael Fay's recent America's Cup challenger off San Diego which came in for further

criticism from the American for the alleged misuse of its

Conner's choice of Bruce Farr as designer is perhaps even more surprising considering that only three years ago he had called the New Zealander "a loser" during a televised clash immediately after the infamous Stars and Stripes catamaran defence against New Zealand's Farr-

designed big boat challenger. scientist to work out who is the best designer for these boats,"

side of the fence since 1985, he is working well with my team and we have received all the co-operation we could

Conner did admit, howev er, that after the war of words that has gone before, it is unusual to see a New Zealander co-skippering his boat. "Brad's experience in this Whitbread and other events where he had tried to whip us. is exceptional. He was the obvious man for this race to lead the crew and take care of

Their 60ft yacht, to be built in Venice, will be launched in April, and will compete in the New York to London race next July.

Conner admitted to having some apprehension about this 33,000-mile classic. "The longest race I have done before was 2,250 miles so I am a little nervous about what it will be like dodging icebergs in the southern ocean."

The American has won the America's Cup a record four times, together with an Olym-pic bronze medal and countess world championships.

Golden champions take to the road

David Powell raises the curtain on the stage New York, the model which inspired the Princes Street Mile in Edinburgh, may be under threat of collapse but the latest addition to the British calendar takes place tomorrow with its foundations set in concrete. Six finalists from the Barcelona men's Olympic 1,500 metres are scheduled to appear and, with a women's race too, there will

be four reigning Olympic champions in all. The organisers have made such a good start that they have been able to stand on principle in a squabble over money with Hassiba Boulmerks, the Olympic 1,500 metres champion. Her manager, Enrico Dionisi, raised her pay demand at short notice and was rejected. With Ellen van Langen and Yelena Romanova, the Olympic champions at 800 and 3,000 metres, Boulmerka will not be

greatly missed. Although Rachid El Basir, the Olympic 1,500 metres runner-up, withdrew yesterday, the men's mile is still left with two of the medal winners from Barcelona, plus William Tanui, the 800 metres champion. Fermin Cacho, the 1.500 metres champion is the jewel in the crown which will be run at the foot of Edin-

and the Olympian cast for Edinburgh's bright new road race along the Royal Mile

a Scottish businessman, announced 15 months ago his grand intentions for the Princes Street Mile, much response was: "We'll believe it when we see it". "Within two or three years it can achieve similar street in the London similar status to the London Marathon," it was said. Without a title sponsor to provide £250,000 Henderson was asking, the plan to bring in the best from Barcelona seemed

Even as recently as two



Cacho: Spanish jewel

secured a main sponsor. "The last seeds of doubt that the event was going to go ahead were removed on July 21," Mike Wilson, of Gameplan,

the event's management consultants, said. Standard Life stumped up £100,000 to take the title this year with an option for the next three years at nearer the figure that Henderson had in mind originally. Some £500,000 is being spent to stage the event, of which one-fifth has gone in appearance fees. Cars costing

some £10,000 each will be prize alternatives to cash for the winners but, should Cacho win, it will not be much good to him - he has two aiready and, besides, he does not drive. His Seat Toledo is described as an exclusive model, one of many gifts he has received for giving Spain a home win in the Montjuic Stadium. "He got an \$80.000 grant from the government and the Spanish federation, and \$1 million from a Spanish bank, which he will get when he is 50," Miguel Mostaza. Cacho's manager, said. No money can buy the rarity of a kiss from the Queen in public, umph. While Queen Sofia hugged. The King's personal invitation for Cacho to join him at the Royal Palace has been put on ice, according to Mostaza, because "Fermin is too busy." Princes Street should count itself lucky.

Especially as the race which gave Henderson the notion, the Fifth Avenue Mile, is on its last legs. Inaugurated in 1981, it is to be run on September 26 but, without a sponsor, it will have nothing like the field that Edinburgh has drawn. "It is going ahead but the question is: What are they going to do in terms of elite athletes?" a spokesman for the New York event's

publicity agency, asked.

Mostaza believes that his own road mile in Madrid is now the best of them all but that "Edinburgh can be one of the best." Without a following wind, it will not be fast, for there is a slight gradient towards the finish. But the beauty of the setting and the competitors, which also include Steve Cram and Yvonne Murray, should make The course even has a landmark at a crucial point. When the runners reach Scott Mon-ument it will be time to get a move on: 150 yards to go.

CYCLING

Boardman switches to French time

By Peter Bryan

CHRIS Boardman, the Olympic pursuit champion and world record holder, yesterday accepted an invitation to compete in Europe's classic smateur time-trial, the 57kilometre (about 35 miles) Grand Prix des Nations in France.

The race against the clock, on September 26, will be held on a course in Brittany described as "rolling", which is likely to favour Boardman, Britain's hill climb champion for the last four years.

Boardman had entered tomorrow's national 90 miles road race championship (the Lowther tour of the Peak) at Buxton, but decided against starting because of "lack of form". He said: "After the trial I have only two more road events scheduled: the 32-mile Delamere circuit time-trial and the hill climb champion-

ship," he said. Ian Cammish, the Raleigh professional, abandoned his attempt on the 203-mile London to York record 31 miles from the end. After an encouraging fast opening 100 miles, the wind changed, hindering Cammish.

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ICE HOCKEY

American league brings big names to Wembley

By Norman de Mesquita

THIS weekend, for the first Brian Bellows and Vincent time in 33 years, two National Hockey League (NHL) teams will face off at Wembley Arena meet in the Molson

is hoped to make this an annual event. There could even be regular-season NHL games in this country, as the NHL is anxious to raise its profile this side of the Atlantic. The teams will not take these garnes lightly. There are coaches to impress and places and a \$50,000 prize at stake. So, unlike the American Bowl. when the leading American football players tend to disappear from the action, all the big names will play their part. For Montreal, forwards

Denis Savard, Kirk Muller

and the recently acquired

Damphousse are the ones to watch. They also have the league's leading goaltender in as the Montreal Canadiens Patrick Roy.

as the Montreal Canadiens Patrick Roy.

Ed Belfour is Chicago's

No. 1 goalie and is also very highly rated. The Blackhawks If the weekend is a success it have an outstanding defensive pairing in Steve Chelios and Steve Smith, who was born in Glasgow, and Steve Larmer, who has not missed a game in

Much has been made about the presence in the Chicago team of Stu Grimson, nicknamed "The Grim Reaper". But both clubs insist that fighting is not an important part of the game. New rules, which will be in force for the first time for these games, include ejection for anyone who starts a fight. The NHL has also introduced an

Look who's dressed for dinner

The Rugby Football Union, having gone into the shirt marketing business, is no doubt on the look-out for more tacky ideas to raise a dubious quid or so for the "amateur" game.

Here is a jolly suggestion from Australia. The notion comes from the Australian Football League — that is to say, Australian No Rules Football - and they are producing a calendar.

It will not be the usual sporting calendar's collection of action shots - neck-high tackles, chaps using another chaps kidneys as a ladder, and the usual delights of Aussie Rules. No. this calendar shows the players in a variety of fanciful poses away from the pitch.

☐ One yearns for a bit of style in English football, but Scott Wynd, of Footscray Bulldogs, greets June dressed Things are different in Italy:

Garry Lion, of Melbourne, clutching a glass of cognac. Wayne Carey, of North Melbourne, appears bare-chested on the cover.

Tacky, true, but rather less tacky than the shirt scam, I

Open admirer

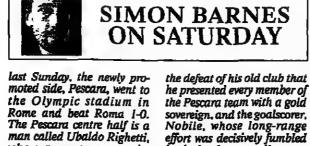
Barbra Streisand has become the thinking person's Andre Agassi fan. She has been

watching him at the US Open in New York this week. "He's playing like a Zen master," she said. "He's very much in the moment. And in fact, very concentrated, very focused, but very much aware of what's happening. And he can handle it. He's kind, also. A kind human being ... and

that just amazes me." Agassi - not really a Sixties person - was baffled by Streisand's Zen koan, and said: "I'm going to have to talk to her about that one."

yearning is as far as you get.

Football chairmen are always

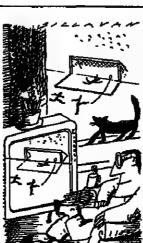


moted side, Pescara, went to the Olympic stadium in Rome and beat Roma 1-0. The Pescara centre half is a man called Ubaldo Righetti, who was seven years the by the hapless custodian, was Roma centre half, until given two. discarded.

The gesture cost Righetti He was so delighted with

Home supporter

talking about the closeness of their relationship with their clubs. Jonathan Hayward. chairman of Wolves, is planning to get closer than most - he is having a flat built into the Billy Wright Stand, to be erected at Molineux stadium. just along the corridor from the directors' box. The Wolves pitch will be his back garden. Hayward, 36, lives on a farm on the Scottish border. "I want to get closer to the sup-



Green snow

The fax machine started chuntering away. What emerges? Yet another sporting scoop for this column? First out is a panther. Then a skull. Then an eagle. Then views of a rain forest. Then a troop of lizards. Fascinated, appalled, I watched on: the next thing to emerge was the words GRATEFUL DEAD. What can all this mean?

"It's a new concept in skis," Greg Spiers told me from New York. "It is the first time full-colour printing has been used on skis, and it will totally revolutionise the way skis have been thought of up till now." Spiers, not a man to minimise his triumphs, designed the T-shirts for the Lithuanian basketball team sponsored by the Grateful Dead, the band of the Sixties and all subsequent decades.

The quite extraordinary success of the T-shirt — close to 100,000 sold worldwide at \$30 a time, Speirs says — has paved the way for this venture. Soon the world will be sliding downhill on skis that look like 1960s album covers: "I have three designs so far, Panther Dream, American Beauty and Cosmic Cowboy."

Last bastion Which is the world's most

chauvinistic sport? Well, the competiton for that accolade is pretty intense, but racing is certainly a contender. There has, for example, never been a female Jockey Chub steward. A steward is a man right at the heart of racing. But down in Australia, a lady called Angela Belle McSweeny is putting herself up for election to the Australian Jockey Club committee - the inner sancturn and Star Chamber of Australian racing. She is not the first woman to try, but if she gets there, she will be the first to succeed.

You haven't met a reactionary until you have met an Australian reactionary. "I would particularly like to attract young people back to racing," McSweeny said. "Racing has lagged well behind other sports, and I would like to push it back up there, to lead the field again." Never mind the Aussie Jockey Club, I think British racing should poach her right away.

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Silence must end over ball-change controversy

By Alan Lee, cricket correspondent

IT IS now three weeks since the shady suspicions of the cricketing summer were thrown into spotlight by the infamous ball change during a Texaco Trophy match at Lord's. And in these weeks, the governing body responsible for such matters has simply retreated from reality like a hibernating animal waiting for winter to pass.

Sadly for them, this is one season which will not pass until they assert some authority. The International Cricket Council, through its chairman Sir Colin Cowdrey, seems to be prevaricating on the as-sumption that the issue will soon be forgotten, but there are too many factions with either a vested or a moral interest for that to be a

Pakistan stand accused, if only by implication, of cheat-ing. They are vigorously pleading their innocence. The umpires, Ken Palmer and John Hampshire, are believed to have misinterpreted a clause of the unfair play law. They, too, want their actions endorsed. And Allan Lamb, already punished for his public indiscretions on the subject, has more than a passing interest in having his allega-

tions officially confirmed.

Meanwhile, the lawyers who line both sides of this winding road are plainly having the overriding influence. It is their predatory presence which is cowing the ICC into an embarrassed and misguided silence on a matter which it has had several opportunities to close firmly and unequivocally.

Sir Colin was not in Eng-land when the ball change occurred. It would probably have made no difference if he had been. Since returning to take charge of the affair, the chairman has only given fresh credence to the standing joke within cricket about the ICC's first initial standing for Indecide

Three times, this week, a fresh date has been issued, via the ICC secretariat at Lord's, for a statement on ball-tampering from Cowdrey. Three times, it has passed unful-filled. Yesterday, Cowdrey made it known that he just might say something towards the end of next week, but could not say whether it would relate to the Lord's incident or simply to the subject in general.

This week, next week, some time, never? The ICC's prefer ence is apparently for the last option and, hernmed in by legal constraints, they must have a semblance of sympathy, though no more. The interests of cricket are being shamefully served by this prolonged charade.

The first mistake of the sags was to change a ball coverily during a lunch break, where interpretation could be challenged, rather than in public during playing time. The second was to duck the issue by declining to say immediately why it had been changed. But the third mistake is

perhaps the most damaging of all. The game is being made to look ungovernable by the spinelessness of the ICC, unless Sir Colin breaks silence

Border queries light rule

Colombo: Allan Border, the Australia captain, has called for a rule change, after Sri Lankan batsmen came off for bad light while spin bowlers were operating. The rain-hit third and final Test match between the two countries being able to see the ball. We seems destined for a draw are losing too much cricket when it resumes today after

yesterday's rest day. Sri Lanka, needing to force a win to square the series, start the fourth day at 215 for four wickets in reply to Australia's first-innings 337. Nearly fiveand-a-half hours has been lost through rain. Border said: "The weather has spoilt what would have been a good Test match. The wicket is the best we've played in the series."

He said: "There should be an international ruling given to umpires to call off play only in correms cases. There is a lot of tactical play involved in coming off for bad light, rather than for reasons of not this way."

Hashan Tillekeratne and Arjuna Ranatunga, the Sri Lanks captain, had accepted the umpire's offer for light on the third day when spinners were operating at either end. Sri Lanka are expected to bat at least another three hours today before closing their innings.

They refused to play on the rest day. (Reuter)

nearly two years ago - and he

employed the pro virtues of being straight and steady on a

difficult day. "I hit most

orreens," he said.

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Poocok 75), 151: Sand Moor (I Pymen 74,
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☐ Vicente Fernandez, of Ar-

gentina, who holed an 85-foot

put to win the English Open

at The Belfry, has been named the Ritz Club golfer of the month for August. Fernandez,

46, became the oldest winner

of the European tour for ten

years with only his second victory since the 1979 PGA

championship. He wins a suite of Waterford crystal and

donations are made to the

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Twose shows the way home

By RICHARD STREETON

LORD'S (final day of four): Warwickshire (24 pts) beat Middlesex (5) by eight wickets

THE season ended at Lord's in front of a handful of spectators yesterday with War-wickshire needing just under two hours to complete their win. They were left to score 54 and belligerent strokeplay by Twose saw them home.

This was Warwickshire's sixth championship win and lifted them to sixth. They play second-placed Kent in their final game this weekend. It is one of four fixtures which will decide second to fifth placings behind Essex, the champions. All earn prize-money.

Middlesex meet Surrey to

complete what has been a disappointing season other than their triumph in the Sunday league. The return of Haynes and Carr brought batting dividends, but the absence of the injured Cowans and Fraser's slow return to form and fitness meant that the attack lacked penetration.

There were also not enough runs from Brown, whose preference as wicketkeeper ahead of Farbrace, always remained a talking point,

Brown, though, completed his first hundred this season as the last four Middlesex wickets fell in half-an-hour against the new ball. Brown hit a six and 12 fours and faced 149 balls before he was caught behind against Donald. It was the south time this season that Donald has taken five wickets in an innings.
Twose struck Taylor for four

fours in his first four scoring strokes and Gatting brought on his two spinners after five overs. Tufnell quickly bowled Moles behind his legs as he tried to sweep and then hit Lloyd's stumps when the batsman chose to play back. Twose settled matters by twice lifting Emburey into the Grandstand

WARWICKSHIRE: First Innings 476 (T | Panney 151, R G Twose 84, K J Piper 72).

Second innings Moles b Tuthel Extras (fb 1, w 1, nb 1)

Total (2 wids) 57
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-18, 2-24.
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Total 282 FALL OF WICKETS: 1-84, 2-84, 3-152, 4-169, 5-218, 6-299, 7-320, 8-327, 9-327, BOWLING: Donald 18-53-6; Small 28-9-74-3: Munion 22.4-3-71-2; Reeve 10-4-20-0; Lloyd 7-2-19-0; Smith 21-4-64-0; Twose 30-11-0. Linguist M J Wichen and K E Parmer,

Weston-super-Meru; Barri v Clevedon; Fairnouth v Emora; Glassorbury v Bath City; Weymouth v Saltash; Truro City v Torrington. FA VASE: Edra pradministry round re-plays: Arstay Nomecis v Coleshit; Fairford v Patchwey; Sherborne v BAT.

EQUESTRIANISM

Nolan intends to take a positive route to triumph

By JENNY MACARTHUR

PIPPA Nolan intends to "ride for her life" on the crosscountry at the Burghley Remy Martin Horse Trials today after retaining her overnight lead on Metronome at the end of the wind-affected second day of dressage.
The national champion, 23,

has also moved into fifth place on her second ride, Heron's Flight. Both her horses are nine-year-olds by Home Boy, and were bred in Norfolk by her trainer, Ruth McMullen. the architect of Nolan's successful cureer.

Although they have excelled at Bramham, a three-star event, the two horses have yet to prove themselves at fourstar level.

"I don't want to put too much pressure on them because they are both young, but it's such a big and techni-cal course that I'll have to ride like hell anyway," Nolan said. Surprisingly, the first three riders from Thursday all re-tained their positions

The best test of the day came from Andrew Harris on his Olympic long-listed Bally-cotton, who is in fourth place behind Didier Courreges, of France, and Paddy Muir, of Great Britain. Other good tests came from Charlotte Hollingsworth, on Solo Performance — who was also on the Olympic long list after finishing 21st at Badminton — and Owen Moore, the Olympic reserve rider, with

Afterwards, Moore summed up the riders' atti-tude towards Mark Phillips's 30-fence cross-country course. "You've got to be accurate and brave and really commit yourself." he said.

Locomption.

Lucinda Green, whose top hat blew off in the wind during her dressage test, is steeling herself to be committed on her new ride, Up River, owned by Ernie Fenwick. She is lying 22nd, although she is less than ten points behind

"It's a very big course and I shall wait to see how Up River's going before I decide on some routes, but I shall probably go the long way at the sunken road." she said. But she was interrupted by Fenwick "Have you ever heard of the word 'straight"?" the Yorkshireman asked her before pinning a badge saying "have faith" on her jacket. Fenwick, who hunts Up River with the Meynell, has always considered his horse a winner.

Rodney Powell, the winner of Blenheim last weekend, produced one of the most attractive tests of the day on The Fisherman. Powell's main problem today will be holding the ten-year-old gelding.
At Badminton they had to

retire after a heavy fall at the last fence. Powell is confident that his new bit - a gag - will help his cause.

The going for the cross-country is perfect and reflects the £80,000 which has been invested in Improving the four-and-a-half-mile track. Over the last five years the gound has been levelled and much of the ridge and furrow removed

Regular mowing has also ensured a thick covering of

Millar restores Canadian pride with jump-off win

Calgary: Ian Millar, with Big Ben, restored some Canadian pride on the second day of the show jumping competition at Spruce Meadows by taking the leading class after a 13horse jump-off (a Special Correspondent writes).

The penultimate fence on Richard Jeffery's course — an upright of wavy planks proved to be the bogy for seven out of the 13 riders. Mario Deslauriers, the Canadian national champion. scored the first clear round, only to be overtaken by the

Neither Ludger Beerbaum, of Germany, nor John Whitaker, of Britain, could better Millar.

RUGBY UNION

First division
Cardiff v Pontypridd
Lianelli v Bridgend
Messteg v Swansea
Neath v Pontypool
Newbridge v Aberavon
South Wales Police v Newport

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3.00 unless stated

Second division

Club matches

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Bristol v Rugby...... Broughton Park v Waterloo...

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Jed-Forest v Kelso
Kirkoaidy v Edinburgh Whdrs
Leeds v Northem (at Roundhay)
Lelcester v Milan
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London Scottish v Nottingham . Met Police v Vale of Lune

Money v Birmingham Moseley v Orrell Newcastle G v Wasps

Plymouth A v Harlequins... Serocens v Wekefield

next rider, Millar, who was

two seconds faster.

Discussing Big Ben's poor performance the previous day, had lost a lot of confidence in Barcelona and needed to get a class under his belt.

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"Today, he was a different horse," he said. "He enjoyed the first round and, in the jump-off, all his old spirit In the first class of the day.

over a mini-Derby course was once again a Whitaker who snatched victory. Michael, with his Selle-Franceis gelding, My Mesieur, found the most economic route, galloping all the way for a faultiess round more than six seconds faster than his nearest

RESULTS: Pruciential Steel Cupc 1, My Massieur (M Whiteler, GB), 2. Soren Von Roens (Ger): 3, Rosee des Pres (M Fuchs, Switz). Western Welcome: 1, Bg. Ben (I Millar, Can); 2, Henderson Gammon (J Whiteler, GB); 3, Almor Rayman (L Beerbaum, Gar)

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GOLF

Young anchorman helps Newquay take the lead

By PATRICIA DAVIES Young used to be a profes-sional — he was reinstated

IN BLUSTERY, sometimes wet conditions, Newquay established a narrow lead over Bristol and Clifton and Sleaford after the first round of the English champion club tournament at South Staffordshire yesterday.

Russell Binney, 17, the ginger-haired, freckle-faced baby of the Cornish side, was in the last group out, but coped well with being the anchorman. He came home with a round of 73, one over par, and that, added to Ian Veale's 75, gave Newquay

their lead of one shot.

The best round of the day was by Doug Young of Bristol and Clifton. Young, a regular in the Gloucestershire county side, proved to be his club's banker, returning a 72, level par, to go with the 77 of Gary Wolstenholme, the former Amateur champion.

Late surge from Pavin

Oakville, Ontario: Corey Pavin overcame wet and windy conditions to birdie three of his last four holes and share the lead on 67 with Don Pooley after the first round of the Canadian Open.
"A tough day," Pavin said

after a long trek over the Glen Abbey Golf Club course on Thursday. "Very windy. Very difficult. On a day like today, patience is very important."

Fran Quinn, who had missed the cut in 17 of 20 previous starts in his first year on the tour, was even more patient. With one hole to go and a chance to tie for the lead, he decided it was too dark to

continue and opted to return to complete his first round. Quinn returned shortly after

daylight yesterday morning and, after rescuing his ball from the rapt attention of a seagull on the 18th green. completed a 68 with a twoputt par on the par-five final hole. That put him in a tie for third with Lee Janzen.

Nick Price, the US PGA champion and the defending Canadian champion, bounced back from a late double-bogey with three consecutive birdies and was tied at 69 with Craig Stadler, the winner of the World Series of Golf two weeks ago. (AP).

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FOOTBALL.

FA Premier League

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First division

Third division

Leeds v Aston Villa (4.00)

Latchworth GC v Brainres; Purfleet v Waston; Boston v King's Lytin; Leighton v Aveley; Haringay Borough v Gorteston; Leyton v Lowestor, Hoyeriches Switts v Cambridge City, Norwich United v Barking; Tilbury v Newmerker; Welthern Abbey v Baldock (at Baldock FC); Cheinstord v Greys Arheite; Suctoury v Potton; Kernpston v Wivenhoe; Degenhern and Recordige v Billericey; Flaciwell Heath v Stowmarfest; Ruissip Manor v Basifon; Feisher Athletic v Stowenage Borough FC); Sabans City v Birnsdown; Reyners Late v Libridge; Barkingside v Wembley; Herdord v Herdon; Burnham v Bishop's Stortford (at Windsor and Eton FC); Molesey V East Thurnock; Borehern Wood v Chesham; Herdord v Herdon; Burnham v Bishop's Stortford (at Windsor and Eton FC); Molesey V East Thurnock; Borehern Wood v Chesham; Herdow Borough v Berkenmeted; Kingsbury v Beckenham; Metropolitan Police v Lawes; Corintalan Casuala v Stough; Staines v Yederling; Alms Swanley v Badfont; Ashford v Faversham; Whyteleefe v Windsor and Eton; Deel v Malden Vale; Croydon Athletic v Dorlding; Wetton and Hersham v Woldingham; Torsbridge v Dover Athletic; Banssed Athletic v Herne Bay; Egham v Worthing; Hallsham v Bromley; Burges Hill v Hastings; Croydon v Canterbury City; Meryans v Contriblest; Kingstonien v Duwich Hernlet; Langney Sports v Littlehampton; Whitehawk v Stringbourne; Fareham v Troching and Macham; Carshaelion Athletic v Erith and Belwicters; Hawant v Horstham YMCA: Southwick v Witney; Andovér v Hernpton; Bognor Regis v Romsey; Abingdon Liniad v Bamerton Heast Hertequins; Abingdon Town v Devizes, Buckingham v Mackienham; Carbonelian v Thastham; Johngdon Town v Devizes, Buckingham v Mackienham; Swensey and Herston v Chickerford; Forset Green v Newport AFC; Frome v Worcester City; Gloucester City v Chelenham.

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Brentford v Luton (12.00) Leicester v Wolves (2.55) Hereford v Cardiff (12.00) ..

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eouth: Brighton and Hove v Epsom and Evelt: Hemel Hempsteed v Brietol Backwelt: Horstern v Sakdeen United; Oderd United v Hempsteed Beccare; Town and Country v District Line. RUGBY LEAGUE

GREENALL'S LANCASHIRE CUP (3.00 unless stated): Berrow v St Helens (2.30); Beschool v Workington (2.30); Leigh Crorles; Octram v Wernngson; Sallord v Whitelaven; Swinton v Highlield; Widnes v Cartiele Carrian
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Huddersfald v Batley (3.30);
Notingham City v Kalghley; Waterfald v
Doncaster (3.30).

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SPEEDWAY: Hometire League: First division: King's Lynn v Cradiny Heath (7.00). Second division: Rya House v Existry (4.30). Golf Cup: Final, first leg: Residing v Wolverhampton (2.00). Hometire League: Second division: Innoclouit cup: Semifinal, second leg: Newcastle v Peterborough (7.00).

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BASS NORTH WEST COUNTIES

LEAGUE First division: Kidagnova Athletic v Becup Borough; Prescot v Flidon; Salard City v Buscough; Seelmensdale v Black-pool Mechanics.

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RUGBY UNION 10.30, 110 overs minimum GATESHEAD: Durhem v Lumceshire CARDIFF: Glamorgan v Derbyshire BRISTOL: Gloucestarshire v Essex SOUTHWAPTON: Hempshire v Worcesterehire LEICESTER: Leicesterehire v Northern scoethire TAUNTON: Somerset v Notificial matter
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Coventry v Swindon (7.30); Cradley Heath v
Ayens Essex (7.30), Sacond division; Stone
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Berwick v Edinburgh (7.00).

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Strict code of behaviour should be enforced



WHETHER a player de-serves to be dismissed from the rugby field due to misconduct or dangerous play is a matter of interpretation. Referees have, after all, choice of either sending him off or cautioning him. Within this there is a divergence of opinion among individual referees. Some are stricter than others. Discrepancies exist elsewhere, too. If the four home unions have attempted to apply a strict code of conduct, the same cannot be said of other unions. There are levels of tolerance.

Wales's opening Saturday of the season brought its first bout of violence which

Mike Griffiths, Cardiff's loose head prop. was the first to be dismissed in the match against Aberavon. At Swansea, there were those who believed that Andy Collins, the Newbridge lock, who attempted to butt Andrew Sutton, should also have had an early bath. It was the touch judge who drew the referee's attention to Collins and he was allowed to stay on. The

There are those, too, who confirming that the intensity of the league programme for violence. Statistics indicate

referee can only act on a touch

judge's recommendation.

Gerald Davies looks at the differing

interpretations and the punishments

handed out for violence on the field

Heinken League there were 34 sendings off (12 in the premier division) from among the 38 chibs, but last season with two extra teams in the league this was reduced to 30 (seven in what was the premier but is now the first).

Yet, last year produced the vorst Welsh figures on record. Three hundred players were dismissed. This sugdiscipline at the lower level of

ers confirm that discipline has improved. This is prompted by the realisation that losing players carries the risk of not only losing the game but the consequent drop in league position. The Welsh Rugby Union is among the leaders in deaning up the game.
But this is not universally

the case. In almost every one of New Zealand's matches this summer against Ireland and Australia there were several incidents when the boot

unpunished. Referees give the impression that since the rucking game is part of New Zealand's heritage the All Blacks are innocent of misdemeanour; that when the boot goes in they do so with the sole intention of getting the ball. This may be part but not the whole truth.

In this respect there were many disappointing features to these games this summer. There were incidents involving both teams in the South African international. All of which reinforces the suspicion that some countries are more enient than others.

The outstanding example was the All Black Richard Loe's cynical elbowing of Carozza's face in the second Australian international. If neither the referee, Patric Robin, nor the touch judge. saw the incident there was sufficient television evidence to show the callous act.

New Zealand's manage ment washed their hands of the incident. "New Zealand's rugby council is Loe-er than Loe," read the Sydney banner. It was a disgraceful abrogation of duty. Duty was seen to bless unacceptable behaviour. The rugby au-thorities were diminished and

Alex Evans, the Australian vho now coaches Cardiff. points out that differences exist between what various countries deem to be appropriate punishment for

a more uniform interpretation. There are other discrepancies. A player sent off in an international match can receive a su-month ban through violent behaviour. Moseley, of Wales, and Carminatti, of France, both received such a ban two years

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A similar incident at club level will receive six weeks. Furthermore a player on tour with the Lions, say, might forfeit only a couple of matches. If each union is responsible

for conducting its own internal affairs they should pro-mote a more standard interpretation at international level. A code of behaviour should be strictly adhered to.

RUGBY UNION

Bath forge contacts across Channel to improve experience

By DAVID HANDS, RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

THE implementation of a European chub league, bandied about over the last ten years, may not be substantially nearer, but cross-Channel contacts are growing. While the domestic leagues in England. Ireland and Wales sort out teething problems, leading clubs look to expand the experience of their players by more frequent excursions to

Today Wales have Heineken League business, but English clubs, whose Courage championship does not begin for a week, are still tuning up: Bath, the champions, do so by playing Treviso in Italy, while ter entertain Mediolanum Milan as part of their

Cardiff v Pontypridd

Cardiff welcome back one inter-

pended Griffiths, whose place at

prop goes to Matthews. There have been some tight tussles between these two but Portypridd will be without McIntosh,

who has a broken finger and may miss the next formight. His

place at No. 8 goes to Sanders.

Uanelli give Joseph his debut at prop and have Copsey available at lock, but Phil Devies misses

at lock, but this beyes misses the game after aggravating a back injury in training, Iwan Jones plays on the open side against an unchanged Bridgend team bolstered by, a new sponsorship deal, Last sesson, Roccopid won both leagues

Bridgend won both league matches against the cup-

Maesteg fell away badly in the second half of the game against Newport last week but hope that readjustments behind the scrum

will help against the league champions Edwards plays full back, Thornton moves to the

wing and Paget comes in at scrum half. Stuart Davies returns

Maesteg v Swansea

Llanelli v Bridgend

Bath warmed up with a 62-15 defeat of Casale in midweek and have been reinforced today by a clutch of representative players: Swift, de Glanville, Ubogu and O'Leary, the former Wasps lock, are all due to play.

Mark Ella, the former Aus-

tralian stand-off half, brings a Milan side oozing internationals to Welford Road. There is a strong Argentine presence in Gomez, Milano and Dominguez, the latter having appeared for Italy in the World Cup last year, while the back division also includes Cuttitta and Bonomi, who played against New Zealand at Leicester last October.

Across the Midlands where Coventry entertain North-

MATCHESY-MATCHESIDE

Neath v Pontypool

Neath have Thorburn recovered

from a hamstring strain at full back, with Ball at centre and

McCarthy paired with Rhodri Jones at half back. Thomas (hocker) and Whitson (lock) join

the pack against an unchanged Pontypool eight, but Taylor and Lee Jones play at centre with Jardine at scrum half.

Newbridge, who came close against Swanssa a week ago, make only one change, Austin playing at prop instead of Rowlands. Aberavon, by contrast,

make seven changes from the team beaten by Cardiff for a game which, over the last two

leasons, has produced an av-

S Wales Police v Newport

After the awkward debut in the

Newbridge y Aberavon

ampton, the Saints will be without Ian Hunter, the England B full back. Hunter has to undergo surgery to a damaged cartilage and will miss the start of their league campaign.

Uniquely, the Irish interprovincial season kicks off at Sunbury: for the first time an Irish Exiles XV will appear in the competition which, after the troubled tour to New Zealand last summer, is now of even greater importance to Ireland's selectors as a proving ground. Three selectors including Claran Fitzgerald, the coach, will watch the Exiles play Munster. Noel Murphy, the Ireland team manager, is due to watch London Irish play Leicester in their league match next Saturday.

The Exiles have called into the back row Dennis Kelly, the New Zealander, whose presence at Manchester has meant so much, while Matt Keenan. the Western Samoan lock. is also included.

Munster are without Philip Danaher, the Ireland captain, whose last appearance was against New Zealand in Dunedin. Danaher has spent the summer recovering from a damaged knee and is due to play for Garryowen tomorrow.

Meanwhile, the Welsh rug-by union will circulate all national governing bodies, confirming the professional status of Stuart Evans, the former Neath prop, who made nine appearances for Wales. Evans, 29, joined St Helens rugby league club five years ago, but has been in Canada and France this year offering assistance to rugby union org anisations, contrary to ama-

teur regulations. IRISH EXILES (v Munster, London Inth united stoned): J Studies (capt); S Geogregan, D Dooley (Saracene), D Cultth, M Corcorain, B Western (Dreal); R Saunders, N Donoven, J McParland, G Halph, D Cleary (Ores), J Etherioge (Northernstand), M Kennen, D Kelly (Manchester), P Colora.

Arter the awkward debut in the first division at Bridgend, South Wales Police will want better fortune for their young side against a Newport tearn without George, the capitain, and Allen. Pugh plays flanker and Arthur is at lock. ☐ David Hands



Americans dominate semi-finals

FROM ANDREW LONGMORE, TENNIS CORRESPONDENT, IN NEW YORK

Scots move Weir to back row

erage of 55 points.

FROM ALAN LORIMER IN MADRID

SCOTLAND play the first of their four A team fixtures scheduled for this season in Madrid today against Spain in what will be the fifth meeting of the two countries. The move to the Alpha suffix is not merely cosmetic but is radical shift for the Scots from their former B side, for which previously capped players were ineligible. According to Richie Dixon, who is the forwards' coach of the national side, "the A team is now very much a part of the full Scotland set-up".
The new format A side is de

facto Scotland's second team, albeit that it includes Doddie Weir and Paul Burnell, two of the Scots most consistent for- basketball player and a useful

wards in the World Cup. Both. however, are being tried in new positions: Weir is at No. 8. where he has been playing successfully for his Melrose club side, and Burnell moves from tighthead prop to the loose-head side as Scotland seek a successor in

The experiment of moving Weir to No. 8 is in recognition that the new laws operating this season demand in Dixon's words "a big back five". In that context the Scots

this position to David Sole.

selectors will be very interested in the performance of Adam Roxburgh, who has come out of the same Kelso stable as John Jeffrey. An accomplished

Evans disowns Evans

WELSH Rugby Union secretary Denis Evans is to send a circular to the rest of the International Board countries telling them not to grant permission to Stuart Evans to play rugby union.

The former Wales prop, who joined St Helens for £80,000 in 1987, popped up in Grenoble last month and actually played 23 minutes against Toulon. He was able to do that because the French Federation granted him a licence after receiving clear-

ance from the Canadian RU. Evans did some coaching in Ottowa during the summer and then applied to play in

France. Now Denis Evans wants to ensure Wales are not seen to be breaking the rules and will warn the rest of the rugby-playing world about his namesake.

"We have had no involvement with Smart Evans since he joined St Helens." said Evans. "We will be making other countries fully aware of his professional status in case

he tries to do this again." Under International Rugby Board's rules a professional player can apply to have his amateur status returned three vears after his final payment. That does not allow him to play or referee.

cricketer. Roxburgh has the athleticism and height to make a significant contribution in the lineout.

Among the backs Gregor Townsend, 19, has a further opportunity to enhance his growing reputation, but today he is at outside centre, whereas on tour in Australia he played all his games at stand-off. His partner is Ian Jardine, the hard-tackling Stirling centre.

Spain play the back row that appeared against Scotland A at Murrayfield last December and will use Alberto Malo, the former flanker, who played in the World Cup qualifying tournament, as a lock forward. The Spanish look strong in the front row where Julio Alvarez. the captain, provides enormous experience at loose head

There is considerable experience, too, behind the scrum in Javier Diaz at scrum half, Jan Azkergoria at centre and the smooth running Francisco Puertas at full back.

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on the same court, the same trainer was called to apply a massive bandage to his left nance of the Americans over fourth grand slam tourna-ment of the year has become thigh, though it did not stop Ferreira from levelling the match in the tie-break. "I wasn't carried off this time, I walked off, so it wasn't too

After Jim Courier and Pete Sampras, Michael Chang be-came the third member of the bad," he said. More significantly, Ferreira home guard to take up seeded. suffered from a sense of déjà vu in the fifth set as well. He station in the semi-finals. Inevitably, he did so the hard had lost three of his career fiveway, beating Wayne Ferreira 7-5, 2-6, 6-3, 6-7, 6-1 in four hours and 17 minutes, about set matches by a score of 6-1 in the final set, and when he dropped his service in the regulation for these opening game of the last set against the acknowledged Ferreira, the No. 12 seed, master of the art -- Chang had won his previous round against MaliVai Washington was hampered by a thigh

injury from early in the fourth set, which complicated 6-1 in the fifth - the laws of Chang's task as much as his statistics began to take effect. own. This has not been a lucky The harder Ferreira tried to tournament for the South hit his way out of trouble, the African, who is a strapping lad, but whose susceptibility to more mistakes he made and once Chang, the No. 4 seed, injury has brought new meanhad edged ahead, there was ing to the term.

Last year, he twisted an no way back for the Australian Onen semi-finalist.

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ankle in the second round and had to be carried off the grandstand court. This time,

Chang hard worker

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said. Perhaps that weakness found a way into the little black book, in which Chang. like Lendl in his younger days. records the details of his opponents' games.

No amount of homework could have prepared him for the power of Ferreira's ground strokes, which, time and again, left the quickest player on the tour stranded on the baseline. Should Ferreira build on his progress this year by adding patience to his long list of qualities, he will be a definite threat in all the grand slam tournaments next year, particularly those on faster surfaces.

Chang has become the tournament's Pimpernel. He has been scheduled here, there and everywhere, having twice been moved from the main court to the grandstand court next door to accommodate names more attractive to the armchair viewer. As the smallest of the semi-finalists by a good few inches - and the one

"I have got a mental block on five sets and as soon as I lost my serve, I started think-

beaten by Jeremy Bates in the RESULTS FROM FLUSHING MEADOW

Semi-finals

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Semi-finals -G Fernendez and N Zverve (CIS) bt A Sénchez Vicerio (Sp) and H Sukove (C2), 6-1, 6-3. Mixed doubles.

H.Sukova (Cz) and T.Nijssen (Holf) bt Z.Gamiron and R.Leach, 8-4, 8-4.

N Provis and M Woodforde (Aus) bt E Remach (SA) and P Galbreith, 6-0, 6-3; H Sukova (Cz) and T Nijssen (Hoti) bit J Hetherington and G Michbata (Can), 6-4, 6-3.

BOYS SINGLES: Third Round: M Naoke (Ger) bit A Richardson (GB), 6-7, 6-1, 6-2.

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ing about my record," Ferreira first round at Wimbledon perhaps he was the easiest to push around.

But the 1989 French Open champion, who has not reached the last four of a grand slam event since that epic win in Paris, cannot be shifted to the wings today, as the US Open enjoys its annual orgy of tennis. Strangely, inex-perience might be the young American's main enemy.

"It is important that I don't go into the semi-final satisfied with what I've done. This is my second-best effort in a grand slam, so I just have to keep working at it," he said. Hard work, though, has

never bothered Chang and he could yet profit from the widely held view that the winner of the semi-final between Sampras and Courier is the automatic men's singles champion for 1992. On the basis of his four-set victory over Agassi, Courier is the favourite, but he has never been comfortable facing the mercurial Sampras, whose casual take-it-or-leave-it attitude to tennis contrasts so strongly with his own intensity.

Sampras, the No. 3 seed, leads their series 5-1, though Courier has won their only match in a grand slam tournament, ending his old friend's reign as US Open champion last year.

Either way, the organisers will pray for sunshine. Torrential rain has so disrupted the schedule over the past few days, nobody told the finalists in the mixed doubles their match had been postponed. They were about to go on court when Chang and Ferreira marched past to begin their quarter-final. But then the US Open has always been a movable feast.

RUGBY LEAGUE

Leeds look to take advantage

By CHRISTOPHER IRVINE

BY THE time of the World Cup final on October 24, those sides which have reached the final stages of the county cup competitions will have played, in two months, the equivalent of nearly half the domestic season in Australia. Ironically, the enormous fixture strain could actually play into Great Britain's hands.

After several weeks of inactivity, the Australians may find their preparatory strolls against Huddensfield, Sheffield Eagles and Cumbria insufficiently taxing for the rigours of a rejuvenated Brit-

ain at Wembley.

That is the fervent hope, anyway. More often, county cups and preliminary rounds of other competitions are a damaging irrelevance. A system that requires players here to compete in twice as many games as their Austra-lian counterparts was a significant factor in the 2-1 defeat in the international series this summer, according to Mal-colm Reilly, the Great Britain

The national side would be better served by switching county cure-ties to pre-season. At the moment, they negate the benefit of the three-division format introduced last year to help ease fixture

congestion: Some clubs, at least, are glad of any silverware - plus additional revenue. Winning the Yorkshire Cup in 1988 represents Leeds's only success in eight years. Hunslet, of the third division, should provide welcome respite, in the first round at Headingley tomorrow after two league defeats. Gareth Stephens deputises for the injured Andy Gregory at scrum half.

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Bradford Northern, having already beaten last year's winners, Castleford, entertain Bramley, and include Deryck Fox, their record £140,000 midweek signing. Having failed to catch Fox, Hull have spiced their meeting with Hull Kingston Rovers at the Boulevard by talk, of signing Graeme Hallas, their rivals disaffected Great Britain wing.

SPORTS POLITICS

Perth will try again — for 2002 Games

Perth, Australia: Perth will apply to host the 2002 Commonwealth Games, the Western Australian sport minister, Graham Edwards, said yesterday. The move comes two years after Perth, the Western Australian capital, was overlooked as Australia's candidate for the Commonwealth Games in 1998.

Adelaide, the South Australian capital, won Australian backing, but this failed when the Games were awarded to the Malaysian capital, Kuala Lumpur.

Edwards said the groundwork laid for the 1998 application would form the basis of an updated Perth tender, with the Games effort expected to cost \$Aus50 million (about £18.3 million).

"We'll obviously modify that bid, but there should not be any significant changes." he said. The Perth application for 1998 proposed that the opening and closing ceremonies and the track and field events would be held at a redeveloped Perry Lakes Stadium in the suburb of Florest Park.

The stadium was built for the 1962 Commonwealth Games. Projections are that renovations costing \$Aus20 million (about £7.3 million) would be required (AFP)

Dalglish strikes out in defence of endangered players

from behind is creeping back.

AS KENNY Dalglish prepared yesterday to bring his unbeaten Blackburn Rovers side to Highbury for what could be the most severe test to date of their championship disappointment that the tackle from behind was creeping back into the game.

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His view was ventured in a week when Alan Shearer, his England forward, suffered a fearful battering in the international match against Spain in Santander, though Dal-glish insisted that that had not deed, he takes on Arsenal with his side showing a clean bill of

There seems to have been a lot of injuries at other clubs which have affected games," he said. "Everybody is concentrating so much on the back-pass law that they are losing sight of the fact that the tackle

We are very fortunate it has not affected us so far but in a lot of games defenders are taking a hell of a chance going throught the back of people. "Three or four years ago there were attempts to clean

up the game by coming down hard on the tackle from behind. I hope it doesn't revert to how it was before that. "The responsibility lies with players and managers to put

on a game the way people like to see it. It should be played with the best of intentions but sometimes intentions go overboard and referees are pushed to the limit." George Graham, the

Arsenal manager, seemed to be more concerned with the damage that Shearer could inflict on his defence at the end of what he described as "a very unproductive week" for his chib. Almost the entire

Clough gets his freedom

BRIAN Clough is to be given the freedom of Nottingham, after rumours that his reign at the City Ground could be coming to an end.

Council leaders want to bestow the city's highest hon-our in recognition of Clough's achievements as Nottingham Forest manager. But Forest are bottom of the Premier League and Betty Higgins, the leader of the Labour-con-

Arsenal v Blackburn

Blackburn's unbeaten record

and championship credentials should be put severely to the test by Arsenal. Shearer, despite a bruising time in Spain, is fit

to lead the Blackburn attack with

Wegerie and Cowans still confined to the substitutes

Chelsea v Norwich

Two former Norwich old

could make it hard for the league leaders, though the

former is struggling with a back injury. Spackman and

Bamess, the new Cheisea

signings, will be given their chance. Poblins, who came

on to score Norwich's winner

due to an injury to Power, and

Crystal Palace v Oldham

will go down badly with the supporters hard on the heals

of Bright's transfer to Wednesday, Williams, who was received in part-exchange,

partnership with Armstrong, who

will also be making his first home appearance. Keeley is recalled from Chester to take

over from Gray in the Oldham

Everton v Manchester U

United, fresh from their defeat of Leeds, will be looking

to gain some revenge against Everton, too, for their 3-

IN BRIEF

Another defeat for Palace

begins a new attacking

last week, keeps his place

absence of Butterfield.

bench. Arsenal are ready to

recall Limpar after an absence of three games. Wright and

Dixon are also in a squad which includes Selley, 16, a

trolled council, said: "We had heard a rumour that Brian would not be in charge of Forest for much longer. It was just something that someone said. "I don't know whether it's true or not but we wanted to do it while he is still in

charge.' has been Clough proached privately and has confirmed that he will accept

ago. United, who have not conceded a goal in four

Ipswich v Wimbledon

loswich's only victim in their unbeaten start to the

Vimbledon, do not rule out a

sixth consecutive draw for the

Sanchez may be the one to

make way for Jones. Youds (groin), Godderd (knee) and

Kwomya (thigh) will be given fitness tests by Ipswich.

Man City v Middlesbrough

City, whose recent record against Middlesbrough is not a

good one, will hope that they

still suspended. Sheron again stands in. Hendrie is in line

for a return for Middlesbrough

Notim Forest v Sheff Wed

after missing three games with a calf injury.

Forest are staring at their

sixth consecutive defeat.

chance to resurrect his Forest career against the team it

a fitness test to Woods

Sheffield U v Liverpool

After getting off sharply against Manchester United on

Wednesday at their fourth.

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is mooted he may soon join. McKinnon, bought for £750,000

during the summer, finally gets as near as the substitutes' bench Bright makes his debut for Wednesday, who give

can continue to thrive in the absence of Quinn, who is

Wimbledon have been

ason. But with the

inspirational Jones and possibly Scales back for

matches, are unchanged. Everton welcome back Rideout and give Ebbrell a late

MATCH-BY-MATCH GUIDE

Arsenal squad set off in various directions on international duty after defeat at Wimble don last Saturday. We have had so few people

around the club and so many injuries that it was hardly worth training," he said. Wright has had intensive treatment on his thigh injury and Adams has had to protect a head wound. Even Dixon returned from the England game suffering from concussion, but he should be fit. Limpar, who has missed the last three Arsenal games, is expected to be recalled. Mark Bright's transfer from

Crystal Palace to Sheffield Wednesday was completed after Paul Williams, who was moving in the opposite direction, agreed terms with Steve Coppell, the Palace manager. Bright was valued at £875,000 in the deal, Wednesday handing over £375,000 and Williams in return. Both will make their debuts today.
Paul Lake, the injured

young Manchester City player, will travel to the United States next week for an operation which he hopes will save his career. Lake, who broke down again after a recent comeback, will be operated on by Dominic Cisto, a leading surgeon in Los Angeles. The operation has already

saved the careers of John Salako, of Crystal Palace, and Ian Durant, of Rangers, who suffered similar injuries.

the opening day of the season, Sheffield United are

back to their wretched early-

Notts County. United hope that Barnes and Hodges will return after injury. Liverpool, unbeaten in four games, can call on Nicol and Stewart

they are to sustain a leading position. The loss of Bardsley

their attacking full back, due to an injury received during his brief appearance for

England in Spain will not help

matters. Channing is likely to

deputise. Southampton's

problems are much worse; Cockeril and Adams could

again be joined on the sidelines by Dixon and possibly Flowers If the goalkeeper

has not recovered from a rib

After three games without a win Leeds need to get back into

that winning habit before next week's European Cup tie in

Stuttgari. For the first time this season they are forced to

hamstring injury to Wallace. It could give Rocastle his

Hodge are also in contention. Villa will be looking

signing, to carry on the good

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make a change due to a

chance but Strachan and

to Saunders, their new

work of last week when beating Palace 3-0.

Leeds v Aston Villa

Tomorrow

Southampton v OPR

Rangers badly need to

season form of the last two seasons. Deve Bessett had hoped to reforge the Deane-Agana partnership but the latter declined a loan movir from



Architect of change: Walker, the Norwich manager, supervises a training session at Carrow Road

Walker succeeds in inserting steel while retaining style at Norwich

CLIVE WHITE

THE three points apart, nothing will have pleased Mike Walker, the Norwich City manager, more last Saturday than to hear Southampton, of all people, bleating about being kicked off the Carrow Road pitch. Ridding oneself of a reputation - in Norwich's case as a soft touch requires extreme effort, as the

sinning Saints know too well. Someone as nice as Norwich's new manager must have to work hard at impartstreak in hi players. Ken Brown, David Stringer and David Williams all placed the accent at Norwich on kicking, or caressing, the ball rather than opponents, and Walker, at heart, is no different.

If there is a new steel about Norwich, it is not evident to all. Andy Townsend, who played for them in their "nice" days land for Southampton during theirs, tool was not about to believe all he had heard. "I read what David Speedie had to say about the way he was treated, but the basis of Norwich's game is about football, not thuggery."

"In fact, I don't feel they've added any muscle at all. A team with players like Mark Robins, Lee Power and Ruel Fox are not about to go around hammering people. It will be up to Walker to distillusion Townsend in that

Third round: Hoper-Lassen bi Yong 15-3. 15-6 Knowles at Antropov, 15-18, 15-9, 15-7, Nelsen 15 Mehakov, 15-3, 15-0, 15-18, 15-15-15-15-16, 15-

15-5, 15-2.

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Third round: Humby by Jang, 12-11, 11-4

respect today when he takes his league leaders to Stamford Bridge to face a Chelsea team also containing a Norwich old boy, in Robert Fleck.

Walker must be doing something differently, to have caused such a dramatic change in the fortunes of a dub which has repeatedly sold its best players in an effort to remain in the black. "Il mere were crincisms of

Norwich, it was that we sometimes melted in games, and that we overplayed," he said. "I don't want people to enjoy playing us any more. but still enjoy watching us. Too much short-ball with no end product is not going to get you anywhere. I want to see a more penetrative style, so instead of having six passes, let's have five and a shot on

His best-laid schemes of pre-season were shot to pieces during the first 39 minutes of the new season, however, when the 250-1 outsiders for the championship were forced to dispense with their new sweeper system after Arsenal swept it aside, scoring twice. Norwich reverted to a flat back four, Seaman failed to reach a cross ("our success, not his failure"), and the rest is

Walker's signing of Robins

from Manchester United for £800.000 as replacement for Fleck has proved an inspired one, but perhaps no more so than that of Gary Megson, whom he he acquired from Manchester City on a free transfer. Walker hopes that the influential, combative Megson will in time help to produce a tougher breed at

Walker ought to be expenencing an uneasy feeling of déjá vu. The last time he was at or near the top of the table. when manager of Colchester United, he was promptly rewarded with dismissal. The unkindest cut of all coincided with him being made man-

ager of the month.
"When the chairman invited me mund to his house I honestly thought it was to receive a wage increase, or at least a pat on the back. Instead he said, 'it's all over'. "Apparently he had been listening to the whispers which told him, 'you'll never get out of the fourth division

playing football'. After 1 left he spent a lot of money bringing in people like Alan Ball, Jock Wallace and Mick Mills, and all it got them was relegation from the league. He always said he'd get them out of the fourth division." Walker was delighted to see

minus the chairman and playing football. The experience, though, had an effect on him. "It made me a lot harder." he said. "If I walked in here tomorrow and was told I'd been sacked. I don't think I'd turn a hair."

His snow-white pate, however, does not appear to have been caused by worry. Indeed, he said, he possesses a composure which he shares with lan, his son and the Tottenham Hotspur and England Under-21 goalkeeper.

Since Walker Sr was a goalkeeper, playing for various league clubs, one imagined that young lan did not want for personal schooling. In fact, dad gave up after one session when he realised he was imposing his own standards on an eight-year-old.

If Walker doubted whether he and his son could ever enjoy the same working relationship that Brian and Nigel Clough seem to do, he has done his best to follow Nottingham Forest's lead in other

"I'd like to think it's good for the game that a team like ours is on top of the league, but it's got to be sustained," he said. "It's going to take a Norwich or Forest to win the league and be prominent for a few years to have any real effect on how we play the game in this country."

PARALYMPIC GAMES

Hull leads **British** trio home in style

FROM ALIX RAMSAY

PETER Hull, James Anderson and Alan McGregor have made their mark on the Paralympic Games in Barcesweep of the gold, silver and bronze medals for the third time in the \$2 swimming

Yesterday they dominated the 50 metre backstroke, Hull again leading the trio home in a world record time of Imin 10.38sec. knocking 3 50sec off the time he set in Barcelona last year. From the start the three men led the field, and by halfway the only question was whether they would finish in the same order as before.

Each time Hull has won he has set a world record. He was born with no arms and no legs, and only took up swimming to increase his flexibilin. Now he trains 90 minutes a day in the pool at Sandhurst, where he is an administration officer with the defence ministry. As well as swimming and regular road racing — Hull is a well-known figure in the London wheelchair marathon - he also trains with specially designed weights in the gym.

He was confident of winning three golds coming into the Games but was taking nothing for granted. "I guess the three of us are just a magic combination," he said. "We don't see each other that often Jim and Alan live in Scotland and I'm from the south of

England, but it works."

If Hull was expected to win,
Isin Manhews took everyone by surprise to win gold in the 100 metres breaststroke in the SB8 class. He was the slowest qualifier for the final but. given his chance, he just edged ahead of the world recordholder. Holger Woelk, of Germany, to win by eight-hundredths of a second and set a Paralympic record of l min 23:08sec.

Manhews is still only to and has little experience of top-level competition. Now, he may have to rethink his policy of taking part in any sport he can find to concentrate on his

TRIATHLON

Bevan poised to stretch Australian run

Musoka, Canada: British . triathletes have been dominant in Europe this summer. but will find things more difficult in the world championships here this weekend.

Miles Stewart, the defending champion, from Australia, will be pushed to retain the title as his form this season has been below par. If he fails, Australia's third consecutive world title could come from Brad Bevan.

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Joanne Ritchie, the women's defending champion, won the Canadian title here last year and will be tough to beat. Her biggest threat should come from Karen Smyers, of the United States.

Surprise exit for Smith

Peter Smith, England's Thomas Cup hero, followed a badminton giant-killing act with a surprising defeat when he went out in the quarter-finals of the Masuka Wimble-

don Open yesterday. Smith, who secured England's first win over the European champions. Denmark in a Thomas Cup match Essex player Kum Wai Kok by 15-7, 15-12 yesterday.

Cheney's title

Boxing: Grahame Cheney, of Australia, claimed the vacant World Boxing Council international welterweight title with a unanimous decision Over Hector Vilte, of Argentina, in Sydney.

Women triumph Golf: England won the European senior women's team championship for the second time in three years yesterday with a 4-1 victory over France in the final at Sutton

Benetton swoop Motor racing: The Benetton Group, of Italy, has bought

half of Britain's TWR

singles championship

STEPHEN Farish of the Wigton club, Cumbria, won the English Bowling Association singles championship at Worthing yesterday, beating Hugh Duff, of West Park, Hull. 21-18. Farish, 22. is a assistant

and occupied 29 ends. After a good start, neither man entirely mastered the difficult cross wind, often dropping short or running through too far. The scores were level six

unable to take advantage and Duff found himself unexpectedly with another chance. On the last end. Duff put his first bowl next to the jack, but Farish got inside it and that turned out to be the winner. So

By GORDON ALIAN

BOWLS

park keeper and played for England in the junior international series in Cumbria this season. Duff, 29, is a Scottish international, though he has also played for England indoors, and won the world indoor singles four years ago. The final lasted 2hr 25min

times. Going down the home straight, Farish twice had an open draw for the title, but was

Duff just failed to become the first player from a Yorkshire since Rert Keech of

Farish narrowly steals BADMINTON

> Bootham in 1945, to win this championship. The last Cumbrian to win it was John Bell. also of Wigton, nine years ago. John Hopkinson took Duff to 28 ends before losing 21-17 Kwon (Korl bt J Webb, 15-5, 15-2 Second round: P-E Hoyer-Larsen (Den) bt P-Hinder, 15-6, 15-7: Voo Yong bil Edwarie, 15-8, 15-12. A Antropow (Crist bil C Haughton, 15-9, 15-12; Knowles bil Koch, 18-17, 15-6; A Nielsen bt R Nock, 15-2, 15-7, Meinikov bt Bush, 15-5, 15-12; C Busi (Hoff) w/o A Garmon, scr P Bush til Jang-Chun, 15-10, 14-17, 15-10. S Smith bt Resittest, 15-3, 15-7, Rullequist (Firm) bt B Flookhart (Seol), 18-14, 15-7, Kok bt Rao 15-13, 15-13, J Davies w/o S Busier, scr, Arches bt Hwang, 15-10, 15-12; D Heat bt S Best, 15-4, 15-2, 2uev bt Kwon, 10-15, 15-5, 15-9 Third round; Hoyer-Larsen bt Yong, 15-3. in the semi-final. Duff had a 16-9 lead, but Hopkinson, in his unflappable fashion, kept

pegging away in the hope that something would turn up, which it nearly did once or twice during the closing ends. Duff has been playing in Australia and arrived home on Wednesday. He is moving shortly from Hull to a new job as manager of the Thornaby indoor bowling centre on

In the other semi-final, Farish ran up a 14-5 lead over Ray Gaskins, reached 20 with a count of four, and was kept waiting three ends for the waiting three ends for the elusive single. He won 21-15. RESULTS: Third round: J Hookuson (Enterpress) to D Crawford, 21-8, N Connor (Crappenharm Town) bt R Train (Summerhill), 21-16: D Morgan (Boscombe Citi) to M May (Minchesol, 21-12: H Ousl (West Park, Huff) to C Jacox (Stoke, Coverty) 21-7 R Gastons (Chandos Park) bt E Hawfurk (Supreme), 21-15. S Jee (Parsons Green) bt D Bairs (Cavateurs), 21-20. S Farsh (Wiggart) bt P Brodenick (Weisingborouch), 21-8. D Scott (Zindant) bt R Varley (Melton Mowbray), 21-19. Outsire-linelis: Hopkmison bt Connor, 21-15. Duff is Morgan, 21-19. Gaskins bt Jee, 21-6, Farish he Swin 21-19. Andhevskaja, 11-6, 11-8, Groves bi Choi, 9-12, 12-11, 11-3

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15-16, S Meinikov (CIS) bt J Pearson, 1613, 15-1, P Bush work Scott (Scott, ser
Jang-Chun Woong (Kot) bt R Lane, 15-6,
15-6, P Kresitisch (Aus) wo C Penten, scr P
Smith bt Bae-Gi Dae (Kor), 15-4, 15-0, R
Rao bt P Shepperd, 17-14, 11-12, ret Kumwa Kok bt Bae-Sung Won (Kor), 15-8, 1511 Hwang-Sun Ho (Kor) bt 5 Filler, 15-4,
15-2, S Archier bt W Baithe 17-15, 15-5, M
Zuev (CIS) bt S Pandya, 15-5, 15-9, Ha-Tee
Kwon (Kor) bt J Webb, 15-5, 15-9
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FOR THE RECORD

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INZAI, Japan: Men's tournament: Leading second-round scores (Japan unless stated) 137: M Czalv, 70. 67 138: N Yuhara, 70. 69, T Watanabe, 58, 71, N Dzslo, 67, 72. 140: D Ishii (US), 70, 70 141: R Gason (Can), 71, 70 A Ishihara, 68, 73 British: 146. P Hood, 71, 75.
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SINGAPORE. Women's Inter-Nations Cup: Sem-finals. Scotland 3, Unified Team 2 France 3, India 1 Sth/8th place play-offs: Belgum 2, Malaysia 1, Italy 2, Zmbabwe 1 Group A: Malaysia 3, Japan 2 Pakistan 12. Oman 0 Group B: China 0, Bangladesh 0

PARALYMPIC GAMES BARCELONA. Athletics: Men: 100m (TW1) 1, B Dodson (US) 23 16sec (world record); 8, B Buder (CB), 26 74 400m (CD) 1, D-C Kim (Kor), Imin 01 05sec, 6 G Robertson (GB), Iron 31 83sec 800m (C7 and 8) 1, A Wrobel (Pol) 2*10 87 (world record); 3, J Nejflertoti (GB), 2 15 17; 5, G McConneti (GB), 2 18 27, Javelin (C5) 1, P Wilsems (GB), 42 92m (world record); 2, S Grenteti (GB), 34 64 Pentatrition: 1, V Vascok; (CZ), 4,345x5, 9, J Harris (GB), 4,108, 12, M Hayes (GB), 4,051, Women: Bosketball: Men; Quarter-finals: Germany

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RUGBY LEAGUE

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Saunders takes cut in pay to leave Liverpool

announcing it and I don't

think anyone should be cyni-

cal about it. I don't know

many players who would have

done what he's done."
Saunders was widely believed to have been earning
about £8,000 a week after his

£2.9 million move from Derby

County to Liverpool in the

summer of last year. Atkinson

said that he was concerned that other clubs would discov-

er Saunders was prepared to

take a wage cut. "Some clubs

might have been scared off by

the thought of the wages they would have to pay him,"

"He's got what I call an old fashioned attitude," he said.

"He has really impressed me.

Some players on Liverpool

terms could sit back in the

reserves, take the money and

stick out their contract. Deano

wants to get on with his

The news of Daley's condi-

Atkinson said.

THE full extent of just how desperate Dean Saunders was to leave Anfield revealed itself yesterday when Ron Atkinson, the Aston Villa manager, disclosed that the player had taken almost a 50 per cent cut in wages to come to Villa Park.

As for Atkinson, he discovered just how desperately Villa needed Saunders when he was informed that Tony Da-ley his England winger, could be out of action for several months after surgeons found a ligament tear when operating on his knee.

Atkinson said that Saunders, who will face Leeds United in tomorrow's live BSkyB merch at Elland Road. had "put his career first and money second" in making his £2.3 million move from Liver-

pool on Thursday. "The player has taken a drop in wages of, I would guess, almost 50 per cent," Atkinson said. "And it's not tion has come as a surprise to Atkinson who thought that the one where he's taken a drop in one area of his contract, but player only required some fluid to be removed from his had it made up somewhere else. He may not thank me for

Robinson to County

NOTIS County last night signed David Robinson, the Peterborough United centre half, for £300,000 and also agreed a £500,000 fee for Ken Charlery, the Peterborough forward, who is considering the move over the weekend.

Robinson's arrival at Meadow Lane is expected to clear the way for Craig Short's departure. County turned down a £2.5 million offer from Blackburn Rovers for Short last month, with Derby Coun-

ty and Nottingham Forest also

in the race to sign the centre Mark Gall, the Brighton forward, will have a second knee operation. Gall, 29, scored 14 goals in 29 appearances last season after his £40,000 signing from Maid-stone United, but failed to save

Brighton from relegation. Barry Lloyd, the Brighton managing director, said: "It's a worry. The knee is in poor knee. He remained optimistic that the player could be back early in the new year. With Cyrille Regis also re-

quiring minor surgery and Frank McAvennie released after a two-month trial at the club, Villa's resources in attack are less than plentiful. Dwight Yorke, last season's leading scorer, has been troubled by injury for much of the season and will require a fitness test before tomorrow's match. Saunders, who teams up with Dalian Atkinson, will be playing against Leeds for the fourth time this season.

Atkinson suffered his most humiliating experience as manager of Villa at the hands of Leeds when they champions beat them 4-1 at Villa Park last season. Villa managed to work that one out of their system three weeks ago, when, only a late equaliser by Gary Speed, enabled Leeds to avoid defeat

at Villa Park. Leeds could find themselves distracted by thoughts of their European Cup first round, first leg match in Stuttgart on Wednesday. The game against Villa is the start of ar important and probably tiring week for us with trips to week for us with trips to Stuttgart and Southampton." Howard Wilkinson, the Leeds manager, said.

After three games without a win Leeds badly need to get back into a winning habit Due to a hamstring injury to Rodney Wallace, they are forced to make their first change this season. David Rocastle is still itching to make his first start, following his £2 million transfer from Arsenal, and Gordon Strachan and Steve Hodge are also in



In the swing: James shows his determination and style on the fairway

Faldo stays on course with a splendid 66

By MITCHELL PLATTS, GOLF CORRESPONDENT

THE phenomenal Nick Faldo yesterday remained on course to continue the most successful run of his career, despite slipping on a banana skin when in sight of the halfway lead in the GA European Open at Sunningdale.

His second round of 66 propelled him to within two shots of the Swede, Robert Karlsson (67), who has a 36-hole total of 131, which is nine under par. Faldo, however, walked off the Old course less than satisfied after spoiling a wonderful day at the office by taking six at the 17th.

"It wasn't exactly the finish I had in mind." he said. "I paid for my one bad shot of the day. which seems to be par for me. I'd hit it close all the way round, so I didn't get all i could have done out of the round.

Even so Faldo has only Karisson and Mark James, who scored 68 to be on 132. ahead of him. He has not finished lower than eighth in his last ten PGA European Tour events and he has won his last two, the Open Championship and the Scandinavian

If he triumphs again, Faldo will earn £100,000 and stretch his lead at the top of the Volvo Order of Merit to more than £200,000.

Faldo was understandably despondent at marking a six on an otherwise flawless card. He attributed the error to losing his hip action as he attempted to shape a three-wood off the 17th tee. His ball finished in the mound on the right, from where he was compelled to chip out

Otherwise, he controlled the ball with typical authority in a tricky, swirling wind. Out in 31, he progressed by holing putts of eight feet at both the 4th and 16th holes for holes. Yet he almost compounded his error at the 17th by dropping a shot at the 18th.

where he salvaged his par from eight feet after hitting his approach into a bunker.

Karlsson is only one of several single-minded Swedes seeking to revolutionise the European Tour. He feels, like his compatriots, that they have served their apprenticeship. In fact. Karlsson is in only his second full season on the circuit, but he oozes

confidence.
"Nick Faldo is the greatest player in the world today," he said. "But I will not be thinking about that tomorrow. I have never spoken to him, and he lives a bit in his own world. The Swedes help each other. We have our own Faido in Anders Forsbrand. I have my targets, and I've con-quered my tantrums. I was never a monster on the course, although I did throw clubs when I was younger, but I've learned to handle all situations with the help of a sports psychologist."

Karlsson is 6ft 5in. He is an excellent striker of the ball, although he is inclined to hit the occasional wayward shot. His short game is much admired by his compatriots and at 23 he is considered a prodigious talent. He had four birdies in his 67 and he kept his score intact with single putts at both the 15th and I 6th holes.

James remains a terrific competitor. He has set out his stall to retain his place in Europe's Ryder Cup team. His 68, which included five birdies, reflected his determination. James has an ambivalent relationship with his putter, which once again betraved him, but his crisp striking kept him in

contention. Mats Lanner, of Sweden. scored 68 to join Faldo in a share of third place on 133. Barry Lane (68) is one shot

Severiano Ballesteros, however, made another premature departure. His 73 for 143 led to him missing the halfway cut for the third time in his last



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FROM ANDREW LONGMORE, TENNIS CORRESPONDENT, IN NEW YORK

McEnroe pans US Open shuffle

THE incessant shuffling of the crowd, which has always been one of the features of playing tennis in New York, has brought sharp criticism from John McEnroe. A New Yorker himself, McEnroe also called on umpires to be firmer in enforcing the 25-second

time limit between points. "There is no excuse for allowing hundreds of people to mill around at a changeover, and it is up to the United States Tennis Association to do something about it. They should get some people in control there who know what they are doing. You can't blame the ushers."

Nor, McEnroe said, can you blame the crowd. "New Yorkers would act the same way as any other spectators if they were told that you have to find a seat in the allotted time. But it all takes away from the tournament and adds to the

LEADING SECOND ROUND SCORES.

length of the match." The delays reached absurdity during the fourth-round match between Ivan Lendi and Boris Becker, which finished after five hours and one minute at almost lam. Lendl, ever the pedant, waited patiently for everyone to sit down, extending the length of the changeovers from 90 sec-onds to two minutes. In addition, both players regularly took more than 25 seconds

between points. "If you have an umpire who doesn't enforce the 25-second rule, you can't blame the players. You can't start enforcing it three or four hours into the match."

The organisers of the US Open have not been helped by the fact that half the fourthround matches and the quarter-finals in the men's singles have gone the full distance, nor by the erratic weather, but the length of men's matches has confirmed a trend at all the other grand slam events and is starting to concern referees and tournament directors.

Meanwhile, McEnroe did not depart the scene - if this truly is his last grand slam

title. He and Michael Stich. the Wimbledon champions, were beaten in the semi-finals of the men's doubles by Jim Grabb and Richey Reneberg. who took revenge for their defeat in the memorable final at Wimbledon. They won their first grand slam doubles title yesterday when they beat fel-low Americans Kelly Jones and Rick Leach, 3-6, 7-6, 6-3.

The first of the titles at the US Open went Australia's way, Mark Woodforde and Nicole Provis beating Helena Sukova and Tom Nijssen 4-6. 6-3. 6-3 to win the mixed doubles. That might be the only title to escape the grasp of

Germans back Krabbe ban

Darmstadt, Germany: The German athletics federation (DLV) yesterday recommended a four-year ban be imposed on Katrin Krabbe, the double world sprint champion, for failing a drugs test.

Helmut Meyer, the DLV chairman, said that the decision was unanimous. He said Krabbe had violated a spirit of fair play among athletes by taking an illegal muscle-build-

ing drug.
The DLV board recommended that a similar ban be imposed on two of Krabbe's team-mates — the world 400 metres silver medal winner, Grit Breuer, and Manuela Derr. a member of the East German team which won gold in the 4 x 400 metres relay at the 1990 European championships. (Reuter)

ANC gives green light for Indian visit was satisfied with the way the

Johannesburg: The African National Congress (ANC) has given approval for India's cricket tour starting next month, South African cricket chief, Ali Bacher, said yesterday.

"I have spoken to Steve Tshwete and he told me there had been no change in ANC policy on cricket tours to South Africa. The tour will definitely go ahead," Bacher said. He is managing director of the United Cricket Board of South

Tshwete, the chief ANC spokesman on sport, was outraged last month when rugby union authorities violated an agreement with the ANC not to play the national anthem officially at the international against the All Blacks.

The ANC said at the time future rugby tours might be in jeopardy, but the movement

match against Australi was conducted a week later. Bacher said concern in In-

dia that the ANC might call for cancellation of the cricket tour because of South Africa's political turmoil was unfounded.

India are scheduled to play four tests and seven one-day internationals in South Africa on a ten-week tour starting late next month. It will be the first official cricket tour of South Africa for 22 years following the dismantling of apartheid and the end of the republic's

sporting isolation. Gloucestershire have dropped vice-captain Bill Athey for their final game with champions Essex starting at Bristol today. "As he wants to leave we felt there was no point in playing him," the Gloucestershire secretary, Philip August, said. Athey has turned down a further two-year

contract. Hugh Morris, a former England opening bassman, has ended speculation about his future by signing a new contract three-year

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St Leger). It will be interesting to

see if attendance at the next Sunday

races, on November 15 at Chelten-

racing on religious grounds are invited to look at Ireland, where

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Horsey people: from left, Lord Weinstock with his son and (centre) trainer Michael Stoute: Luca Cumani's wife Sara and Kahyasi in 1988; the Queen Mother with Maccus Armytage and trainer Kim Bailey in 1990

a vociferous lobby is pushing for Sunday racing, and the odds are shortening in its favour. **Anthony Gardner** reports

it is an exhausting and sometimes fatal pastime with no greater neward than a square meal; for the jockey the risks are the same, but the square meal is only to be dreamt of. The owner and punter face financial ruin, while the trainer takes the blame for not making a silk purse out of a myopic bolter. It is a world peopled by an apparently limitless supply of seedy rogues, where the one ines-capable fact of life is that for every horse that wins the Derby, there are

10,000 that would be lucky to

finish fifth at Lingfield. Yet people love it. An average 20 race meetings a week in this country attract more spectators than any other sport except football: on the last Grand National day, 155 million was placed in bets. Next month, thousands of Britons will cross the Channel to watch the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe at Longchamp, and millions will soon be tuning their television sets to a new series of Trainer. Such is the sport's popularity that, following a highly successful Sunday meeting at Doncaster in July, the lobby is stronger than ever for a change in the Gambling and Lotteries Act 1963 to permit betting at the race track seven days a week.

What, apart from the undentable but all-too-rare thrill of seeing your chosen horse go past the post first, is behind this collective madness?

The Trainer perspective is perhaps easiest to understand. The racing world has everything a prime-time scriptwriter could ask for speed, suspense, danger, intrigue, money and beautiful women, all in extravagant doses. The shenanigans of the Turf that come to public attention, such as the kidnapping of Shergar, the wayward accounting of Lester Piggott and the bizarre case of the "sonic gun" intended to put horses off their stride, are merely the up of the iceberg. No wonder Dick Francis has an apparently inex-haustible supply of bestsellers in him, and John Francome, another former National Hunt champion. has followed him into print. Gossips are as well served by the

here are many reasons to sport as novelists are. Take the case of Henry Cecil, who continued to run his training yard at Newmar-ket with the belp of his wife Julie even after he had left her for a younger woman; or of Charlie Brooks, whose friendship with the wives of another jockey and of a trainer aroused much interest. More mysteriously, there was last year's blackballing of the Duke of Roxburghe from the Jockey Club. ascribed by some to his inadequate experience of racing administration, but by others to his treatment of his wife, the Duke of Westminster's sister, who petitioned for

divorce on the grounds of adultery. However, the same elements that make a television script appealing may merely irritate those who really love the Turf. Money, for example, creates a superficial glamour, but some trainers now lament the fact that racing has become much more of a business and less of a sport. "In the old days," says Luca Cumani, trainer of Kahyasi, a previous Derby winner, "horses belonged to owner/breeders, didn't cost very much, and were thought of as animals. Now they're thought of more as an investment, and you feel so much money is in your care that you can't be relaxed about it." Mr Cecil misses the era when his colleagues were not too busy to give dinner parties and take houses at Goodwood, while Lord Oaksey has fond memories of jockeys disappearing to the South of France for summers of water-skiing and womanising which would horrify to-

day's workaholic riders. So far, National Hunt racing has been far less affected by the leap in prices than Flat racing, since most jumping horses are geldings and therefore have no stud value. For this reason, purists consider the winter game much the greater

The most eye-catching women at race-meetings generally have a different set of priorities. "Glamorous women are always attracted to where money is," observes Ewa Lewis, the social editor of Tatler. The rich have the possibility to choose the best they can get, and that includes sex at the highest level. In racing you own horses and

you own women; you breed horses and you breed children. There is also a correlation between sex and danger, and there's always danger where horses are concerned: even if you're standing in the paddock you risk being kicked, and that creates a

According to Mrs Lewis racing in this country is actually much less glamorous than it is in France. "Royal Ascot and Derby Day, and to a lesser extent Goodwood, are parades of fashion; others like Diamond Day and the Guineas aren't that smart." Die-hard enthusiasts cringe at this kind of observation: they have no time for those who treat meetings as an opportunity to show off, and who fail to see that the last race at Bangor on a wet

afternoon has as much potential for excitement as Roy-al Ascot. "They traipse and they pose," fumed Sir Clement Freud in a recent issue of The Sporting Life; "they look this way and that for a camera or a gossip columnist and if none heaves into sight their eyes glaze; it is as if smiles are a finite commodity." In a world which prides

itself on its friendliness, there is no greater crime than

acting snootily.
"Racing doesn't appeal to every one," says Sarah St George, an avid race-goer from a leading family of owners, "but for those to whom it does appeal, it cuts across class completely." The veteran commentator Peter O'Sullevan agrees: "It's a terrific leveller. The horse has such an infinite capacity for making fools of people that we all have great sympathy with each other. One moment you think you've cracked it and the next you're walking home with no shoes."

Even between professional rivals, the atmosphere is surprisingly amicable. "There's very little antlerclashing," says the trainer Jenny Pitman: one of the strangest sights in racing is that of the jockeys chatting good-humouredly togeth-er in the starting stalls before the beginning of a big race. "If you're in a tricky situation, someone will more often than not help you out,"

agrees Marcus Armytage, who in 1990 won both the Grand National and the Whitbread Gold Cup on Mr Frisk. "It's surprisingly rare that you get a punch-up in the changing-room, considering the pressure people are under and that hey're starving half the time."

For Mrs Pitman, the great attraction of racing is "being able to work on something you love and care about and getting paid for it". Likewise, for many jump jockeys winning is "merely the icing on the oatcake," Lord Oaksey says. "Far more important is the physical thrill of getting a horse to do what you want over a fence. It is unequalled. Some people compare it to sex, and I suppose just occasionally

tor's point of view, he believes heroworship is an important element both of jockeys like Fred Winter and of horses such as Arkle, who was much the best racehorse I have ever seen. Greatness is what captures your imagination if you follow for a long Everyone time." agrees that the more you get to know about racing,

bets: a ticktack man signals the odds and the more familiar you become with the participants, the more you enjoy it. Here again National Hunt

Ready to take Sunday

racing wins by a length, since jumping horses' careers last much longer than Flat racers'. For the men in the stable yard, much of the excitement of the sport derives from the complete lack of proportion between the years it takes to prepare a horse for a big race and the few minutes it takes to run it. A similar perversity is essential

on the gambling side. The less likely a bet is to come off, the more of a thrill there is to be had from it. No serious punter will admit to shooting completely in the dark, but for the biggest gamblers of all the Robert Sangsters and the Lord Weinstocks -- who risk hundreds of thousands of pounds in selecting a single animal, the thrill lies in knowing that once the race has started the outcome is beyond their control. In Ireland this contradiction is memorably defined as "the glorious uncertainty".

Finally, there is the spectacle of the race, which lures even those not devoted to gambling. Ms St George rhapsodises over "the marvellous sight of a glearning, glistening animal in full flight and the jockeys in very bright colours. A lot beautiful, and for people coming from the city much of the attraction is the concept of a day out in the

The prospect of this spectacle going under starter's orders seven days a week arouses mixed feelings among the professionals of the racing world. Mr Cecil is firmly against it. "Sunday should be a day for the family," he says. "A lot of people in the industry have wives working as well, and their children are at school, so Sunday is the one day they have together." Lord Oaksey, on the other hand, confessfor the notion: "I don't like the idea of adding an extra working day to my week, but I'm 63, so it won't affect me for long. I think it's absolutely right that people should be allowed to bet and race on Sunday if it's the only free day they have and that's what they enjoy doing. As far as the labour side is concerned, working must be voluntary, and stable lads just ought to be

n the middle ground is Mr Cumani, who favours a change in the law with one strict proviso: "What we need to do is increase the rewards for people who invest in racing, because the gap between what they have to spend and the potential returns from winnings is enormous. But if it's just an extra day's work for everybody with no increase in prize money. I'm not interested in it."

Most people seem to consider change inevitable, pointing to the fact that this is the only country in Europe where Sunday racing is not permitted. Captain Nicholas Beaumont, the clerk of the course at Ascot, takes this view, but warns that the Cumani camp is likely to be disappointed. "I don't think that it will be the great bonanza people imagine. A Saturday-to-Sunday meeting would be much better than a Friday-to-Saturday one, because Friday is a bad day unless the racing is in the evening; but at the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe they get a lot of people for Sunday and very few for Saturday."

RACING DIARY

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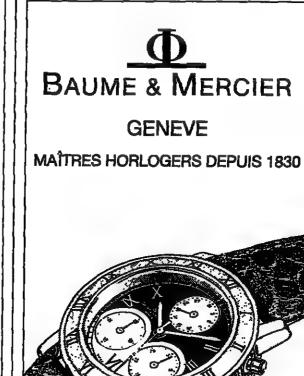
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 October 4: The Ciga Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe at Longchamp, Admission to continental race meetings is much cheaper than to British ones, but it costs rather more to get there. October 16: The Dewhurst Stakes at

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OUT OF TOWN, PAGE 13



Simon Barnes packs his Swiss army penknife (sticks for the cleaving of) and ciothes (nonwhite) for two months in the Zambian bush

them myself with buttermilk 1 company and good conversa. Boyd's in Kensington. I wo daughters aged 18 and 22.

Barbican, Silk Street, EC2 (071-638 8891). Thurs, Fri, 7.15pm. ANGELS IN AMERICA: Thrilling performances in Tony Kushner's

fascinating state-of-the-Union drama on Aids, religion, politics, National (Cottesioe), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252). Mon-Wed, 7.15pm, mai Tues,

COLQUHOUN AND MACERYDE: Lindsay Posner directs John Byrne's breakneck cornedy about the two artists, painting the town in post-war Soho. SW1 (071-730 1745). Previews from Thurs, 8pm; opens Sept 22, 8pm. Then Mon-Sat, 8pm, mat Sat

(from Sept 26), 4pm. DEATH AND THE MAIDEN: Ariel Dorfman's scorching longing for revenge. Penny Downie, Danny Webb and Hugh Ross make up the cast Duke of York's, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (071-836 5122), Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs, 3pm, Sat,

GRAND HOTEL: Musical barley sugar: Berlin in the Twenties. Sentimental, American, **Dominion. Tottenham Court** Road, W1 (071-580 9562). Mon-Sat, Som, mats Thurs, Sat. 2.30cm. FROM A JACK TO A KING:

Witty and stylish version of Macbeth's climb to the top, set nacked with Sixties songs, London WC2 (071-836 6111). Mon-Thurs, 8.15pm, Fri and Sat, 5.30pm and 8.30pm.

HAMLET: For one month only Alan Rickman and a splendid cast in the Danish play. Tour follows to Bradford, Nottingham, Barrow-In-Furness and Thilisi, Geo Riverside Studios, Criso Road. W6 (081-748 3354), Previews tonight, Mon, 7.30pm; opens Tues, 7pm. Then Mon-Sat, 7,30pm. IT RUNS IN THE FAMILY: New

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Ray Cooney comedy, likely to put a new twist on the familiar misunderstandings. With John Quayle, Sandra Dickinson and Cooney himself. Playhouse, Northumberland Avenue, WC2 (071-839 4401). Preview tonight, 8pm; opens Mon, 7pm. Then Mon-Fri, 8pm, Sat, 8.30pm, mat Thurs, 3pm, Sat,

MINGS: Alan Howard with Christopher Loque perform Loque's rivid account of Books One and Two of Homer's ilied. All three performances sold out but three more are scheduled for Oct 27-29. National (Cottesion), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252). Thurs-

MEDEA: Drana Rigg plays Euripides's wrtch-wife bent on revenge. New translation by Alistair Elliot, Jonathan Kent directs. Almeida, Almeida Street, N1 Mon, Tues, 8pm; opens Wed, 7pm. Then Mon-Sat, 8pm, mat Sat,



Thirsty for revenge: Diana Rigg stars in Medea

DRIANDO: Hot from Edinburgh, Red Shift's version of Vzroma Woolf's lantasy. intriguing but complicated by adding the story of the Ricomsbury layers Lyric Studio, King Street, W6 (071-741 2311) Preview Tues, Spm; ns Wed, 7pm. Then Mon-Sat, Spm, mat Sat, 4 30pm. PHILADELPHIA, HERE I COME!: Brian Friel's affectionate cornedy of an Irish emigrant and his carping after ego. A revival to be Wvndham's, Channg Cross

ad, WC2 (071-867 1116). Mon-Fri, 8pm, Sat, 8.15pm, mats Wed, 3pm, Sat, 5pm. NOSMERSHOLME: Francisco the past. Annie Castledine directs.

Annis and Conn Redgrave struggle to be free of the dead hold of Young Vic. 66 The Cut. SE1 (071-928 8363) Previews from Thurs, 7.30pm; opens Sept 23, 7pm. Then Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Sat, 2 30pm and from Oct 14, Wed, 2.30pm.

SIX DEGREES OF SEPARATION: Stockard Channing as the nch New Yorker transfigured by a black con artist in John Guare's fine play on Comedy, Panton Street, SW1 1071-867 10451 Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Wed, 3pm, Sat, 4pm. SCHIEDNE WHO'LL WATCH

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VALENTINE'S DAY: Romantic musical comedy based on Shaw's You Never Can Tell by Benny Green and Denis King. First seen at Chichester and still with Edward Petherbridge as the sublimely benign

Globe, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-494 5065). Previews tonight, Mon-Wed, 8pm; opens Thurs, 7pm. Then Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats (from Sept 23), Wed, 3pm and Sat. 4pm.

WATER MUSIC: Soho Theware Company opens its new home with Lyndon Morgans's oddball Romeo and Juliet story set in a Sixties fairground. Cockpit, Gateforth Street, NW8 (071-402 5081). Previews from Wed, 8pm; opens Sept 21, 7pm. Then Mon-Sat, 8pm.

WIT'S END; Griboedov's 1824 sattre on high society. Famous in Russia, analysed in depth by Stanislavsky yet a British premie New End, 27 New End, NW3 (071-794 0022). Pres Tues, 7.30pm; opens Fri, 7.30pm. Then Tues-Sun, 7.30pm, mat Sun, 3.30pm.

A WOMAN OF NO IMPORTANCE: Phillip Prowse's triumphant RSC production. John Carlisle as a callous aristocrat Wilde's social melodrama laced

Theatre Royal, Haymarket, SW1 (071-930 8800). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 2.30pm.

IEGONAL LEATHERHEAD: Bill Kenwright applies his Midas touch to Robin Prince of Sherwood, musical staming Michael Holoway as the National tour follows. Thorndike, Church Street (0372-377677), Preview Tues, 7.30pm; opens Wed, 7.30pm. Then Mon-Wed, 7.30pm, Thurs-Sat, 8pm, mats Wed, 2.30pm, Sat.

SOUTHAMPTON: Building Blocks, new cornedy by Bob Larbey (of The Good Life and A Fine Romance), reveals the terrible consequences of allowing a builder into your home. Stars Christopher Timothy. Nuffield, University Road (0703-671771). Opens Thurs. 7.30pm. Then Mon-Thurs. 7.30pm, Fri, Sat, 8pm, mat Sat (Oct 10), 2.30pm.

FILM

LES AMANTS DU PONT NEUF (18): Leos Carax's hymn to Paris and a punk burn's love for a young artist going blind. Terrific in spurts. and a real movie movie. Denis Lavant, Juliette Biooche

Lumière (071-836 0691). ALIEN 3 (18): Sigourney Weaver fights another allen infestation in deep space. Drah and downbeat. Charles Dance; director. David Fincher. MGM Cheisea (071-352 5096)

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BOB ROBERTS (15): Lively spoof documentary about a right-wing folk-singer's dirty battle for a seat in the U.S. Senate. Enterprising directorial debut by actor Tim

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CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS -THE DISCOVERY (PG): Pin-up navigator (George Corraface) discovers the New World, Silly juvenile romp, with a routine Marion Brando cameo. Rabby direction from John Gle Odeons: Kensington (0426 914666) Leicester Square (0426 915683).

DANZON: Mexican telephone operator searches for her lost dancing partner, Intoxicating music, good atmosphere; otherwise, a film going nowhere. Director,

Metro (071-437 0757). HITLER: A FILM FROM GERMANY: Hans Jürgen Syberberg's seven-hour epic from 1977 about Hitler's grip on the German psyche. Hard work, but there is nothing like it in cinema

history. ICA Cinema (071-930 3647). HOUSESITTER (PG): Goldle Hawn moves into architect Steve Martin's dream house and poses mostly very trying. Director,

Camden Parkway (071-267 7034) MGM Baker Street (071-935 9772) MGM Pulham Road (071-370 2636) MGM Oxford Street (071-636 0310) MGM Trocadero (071-434 0031) Plaza

(071-497 9999) UCI Whiteleys (071-792 3332). IMMACULATE CONCEPTION (15): Childless Western couple in Pakistan suffer culture clashes. Interesting material scuppered by ittery treatment. James Wilby, Melissa Leo. Writer-director, Jamil

Dehlavi. Minema (071-235 4225) MGM Chelsea (071-352 5096) MGM Shaftesbury Avenue (071-836

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Hymn to Paris: Juliette Binoche as Michele with Klaus-Michael Gruber in Les Amants Du Pont Neuf (see Film)

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LETHAL WEAPON 3 (15): Rousing comedy and mayhem with L.A. cops Riggs and Murtaugh. Mei Gibson, Danny Glover, Joe Pesci; director, Richard Donner. MGM Fulham Road (071-370) 2636) MGM Haymarket (071-839 1527) MGM Oxford Street (071-536 0310) MGM Trocadero (071-434 0031) Odeon Marble Arch (0426 914501) UCI Whiteless (071-792 3332).

LOVERS (18); In Franco's Spair Victoria Abril deraits her lodge Intended marriage. Excellent tak of mad love, expertly mounted by MGM Piccadilly (071-437 3561) Screen on Baker Street

(071-935 2772). THE PLAYER (15): Dazzling satire on Hollywood, directed by Robert Altman from Michael Tolkin's novel. Tim Robbins as the studio executive who kills a writer, plus cameos galore. MGM Haymarket (071-839 1527) 0031) Odeons: Kensington (0426 914666) Meszanine (0426 915683) Screen on Baker Street (071-935-2772) Screen on the

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434 0031) MGM Tottenham Court Road (071-636 6148).

DANCE ROMEO AND JULIET: The Scottish Ballet offers its contribution to this year's plethora of Romeo and Juliet ballets. The company is uraque in Britain in having in its repertoire John Cranko's version of Prokofiev's Shakespeare tale, which was first created for Carla Fracci back in 1958. This revival by the Glasgow company should prove one of the most popular offenings on its current

tour. Lyceum Theatre, Tudor Square, Sheffield (0742 769922), today. 2pm and 7.45pm. Playhouse Theatre, 18 Greenside Place, Edinburgh (031-557 2590), Tues-next Sat, 7.30pm, mats Thurs, next Sat,

PACE DANCE COMPANY: This dance troupe from Cape Town comprises nine dancers and five musicians who present a marriage of African rhythms and movement with contemporary dance forms and, unusually, all the dancers are also musicians and singers. Their aim is to create a recognisable South African dance style. The Place, 17 Duke's Road, London WC I (071-387 0031), VIVARTA: Also at The Place is a

new international festival of Indian dance, entitled Vivarta, a

Sanskrit word meaning "transformation" or "evolution". Throughout the next three weeks the venue is presentin more than 70 performers, with further performances at London's South Bank Centre, Phoenix Arts in Leicester and the Green Room in Manchester The festival begins on Monday with Kadamb — The Kumudin Lakhia Company from The Place (see above)

MUSIC

CLASSICAL LAST NIGHT OF THE PROMS: It's that time of year again. Dame Kin Te Kanawa does the honours in Rule, Britannial, but perfore the familiar variations on a triumphalist theme at the end of the evening, there is plenty of real musical interest aries by Massenet. Korngold, Puccini and Catalani, Sir Peter Maxwell Davies's An Orkney Wedding with unrise, and a performance of Shostakovich's Piano Concerto No 2, with one of the composer's finest interpreters, the Russian pianist Tatyana Nikolaeva, as the

Albert Hall, Kensington Gore, London SW7 (071-823 9998), tonight, 7.30pm.

LONDON PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA: The LPO begins its South Bank residency with an epic concert of music by Beethoven (Piano Concerto No 4, w Maurizio Poliini the soloist). Schumann (Symphony No 2), Instruments), Britten (Prelude and Fugue for Strings) and Prokofiev (Suite, The Love of Three Oranges), Franz Welser-Möst conducts. Note the early starting

time. Festival Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (071-928 8800), Thurs, 6.30pm.

OPERA

THE DUENNA: This treatment of Sheridan's comedy by the Spanis composer Roberto Gerhard who spent the last 30 years of his life in Britain) had to wait 45 years for its premiere, which finally took place to great acclaim in Madrid earlier this year. Now Opera North, with typical enterprise, presents the work's British premie n a new production by Helena Kaut-Howson. The cast includes Susan Chikott, Pamela Helen Stephenson and Gillian Knight. Antoni Ros-Marba conducts the new performing edition prepared by David Drew.

Grand Theatre, New Briggate, Leeds, (0532 459351/440971), Thurs, 7.15pm (further performances Sept 19, 25, Oct 2). THE PORCE OF DESTINY: LEST season's successful Don Carlos is followed by a new production of one of Verdi's bleakest but most

compelling works, newly translated by Jeremy Sams. Cast and production team need no ecommendation: Nicholas Hytner directs, Richard Hudson de Mark Elder conducts. Josephir Barstow, making an eagerly ted return, sings Leonora. cure, St Martin's Lane. London WC2 (071-836 3161), Wed, 7pm. Further perfor

through September and October TOSCA: John Cox's reliable production is revived, with Luciano Pavarotti (who has sung the role only once before at the ROH, in 1977) as Cavaradossi for the first five performances. The young American soprano Elizabeth Hollegue makes her British debut in the title role. Zubin Muhlu conducts all but the final three performances. Two of the Saturday) will be relayed on the screen in the Piazza. Royal Opera House, Coverd

Wed, 7.30pm. Further performance until Oct 10. ROCK

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1066/1911), tonight, Mor.



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E. Smith heading The Fall they will pull out all the stops for this home-town performance. The Ritz Ballroom, Manchester

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Queen Elizabeth Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (071-928 8800), Thurs, 7,45pm.

SUEDE: The glam rock darlings embark on some warm-up gigs before an extensive UK tour where they will defend their Melody Maker moniter of best new band in Britain. Buzz Club, West End Centre,

EVENINGS OUT **GWEN TAYLOR**



6 The Museum of the Moving Image is a wonderful place to go if you're film struck like me: old movies, documentaries and news reels run continuously. Last time I went I watched my stepson being interviewed on film. They ask you mundane questions and then play back the film so you can see how you look. I'd like to have a go, but preferably when there are not many people around, because even though I'm an acress. I'd feel a bit stupid.
I'm very tempted by the blurb for The Rise and Fall of Little Voice at the National's Cottesloe Theatre. I adore Jane Horrocks Voice at the National's Courside I nearre. I address and Alison Steadman and just knowing they are in it is enough to make me go. I'd like to go to Vongkei's in Wardour Street WI for a slap-up Chinese meal. The food is excellent.

Aldershot (0252 330040), toda 8pm. 100 Chub, London W1 (071-636 0933), Tues, 7.30pm. University, Manchester (061-275 29301. Wed. 7.30pm.

<u>JAZZ</u> BHEKI MSELEKU: This firm South African planist and saxopho player, whose Celebration was nated for the British Mercury Album of the Year, continues to take the jazz world by storm. Jazz Cafe, London NW1 (071-284 4358), Tues, 9pm.

KENNY DREW: The vibrant New York pianist, an accompanist for the likes of John Coltrane and appearance in his own

Bass Clef, London N1 (071-729 2476), tomorrow, Man, Tues, Wed,

MOSE ALLISON TRIO: Mississippi magic from the affecting blues singer and pianist whose influences range from Duke Ellington to Sonny Bay iamson. Pizza Express, London W1 (071-437 9595), today, tomorrow, Wed and Frl,

EXHIBITIONS THE PAINTED NUDE: Up until the time of Etty in the early 19th century the nude in Britain nerally required an excuse, however transparent, in the myth or a Biblical story like then on the nude in painting gradually became accepted in its own nont, until today it can be the major preoccupation of a paint ike Lucian Freud without raised eyebrows. This display at the Tate, the second in the Crosscurrents. series, charts the history of this change from the gallery's own collection.
Tate Gallery, Millbank, SW1 (071-821 1313). Mon-Sat, 10am-

5.30pm, Sun, 2-5.30pm, until Dec 27. PAINTING IN BRITTANY -GAUGUIN AND FRIENDS: Gauguin is famous, his associates during his Breton years (1886-94) much less so But several of them are of considerable interest in their own right, and painters like Emile Bernard, Paul Serusier, Charles Hiliger and Georges Lacombe have all recently been given major represented here. No denying the special potency of Gauguan's personal vision, but the lesser

urninaries still have their own Laing Art Gallery, Higham Place, Newcastle-upon-Tyne (091-232 6989). Tues-Fri, 10am-5.30pm, Sat, 10am-4.30pm, Sun, . 2.30-5.30pm, until Oct 11.

OLD MASTER DRAWINGS: The Ashmolean has one of the greatest collections of Old Master drawings in the world. Normally only a small percentage is on show, but the European Arts Festival has persuaded the museum to bring out some of its riches. This ama selection, first seen in Rome last year, includes five Michelangelos, five Raphaels and two Rembrandt, Rubers, Dürer, Gainsborough and Rowlandson. san Museum, Oxford (0865 278000). Tues-Sat 10am-4pm, Sun 2-4pm, until Oct 11.

MANET - THE EXECUTION OF MAXIMILIAN: The immediate occasion of this exhibition is the deaning and restoration of the National Gallery's own Manet of the execution of the emperor Maximilian of Mexico. Also on display are other Manet paintings with political overtones, borrowed from as far affield as Boston, Mannheim, Chicago, Zurich and Paris. National Gallery, Trafalgar Square, London WC2 (071-839 3321). Dally, 10am-6pm (Wed to 9pm), until Sept 27.

WYNDHAM LEWIS: IL'S rigi surprising that a figure so combative in the arena of art politics should turn out to be a great war artist." Much more surprising is how much of Lews's first world war work proves to be suffused with pity and tenror. For him the poetry was not, as for Wilfred Owen, entirely in the pity; there is a terrible beauty in the way that man in war becomes a machine. imperial War Museum, Lambeth Road, London SE1 (071-416 5000). Daily, 10am-6pm, until Oct. 11.

TRUE STORIES: Seven installation artists from New York

and Los Angeles tell us (informally) what they think about ecology and senal killers, Hollywood billboards and gay sex. Some of the pieces are confessional, others attempt to bore into spectators by boning them first, some pastiche and parody the scientific exposition or museological display Arbitrary the selection may be, but it proffers a real cross-section of American feelings about

Appenca now ICA, The Mail, 5W1 (071-930 3647). Mon-Sat, midday-10pm, Sun, midday-9pm. Opens Oct 25

DUTCH ART AND SCOTLAND. There is not only an Old Alliance between France and Scotland. the Scots and the Dutch have always had a special relationship, with much exchange of art and scholarship, and many distinguished Dutch paintings have entered Scottish collections in the last three centuries. Some of the works have remained in private collections ever since and are virtually unknown to the public. This exhibition remedies that with an amazing assemblage of distinguished work, including paintings like Cuyp's Riding Lesson and Rembrandt's Self Portrai as St Paul, which have left Scotland and are now borrowed

back. National Gallery of Scotland, The Mound, Edinburgh, (031 556 8921). Mon-Sat, 10am-Spm,

Sun, 2-5pm, until Oct 18. MONUMENTAL REPUTATION: Robert Adam, the bicentenary of whose death falls this year, has always been held up as the paragon of luxurious good taste and measure in all things. This amazing show demonstrates that it was not always so: his youthful fantasies were as extravagant as anybody's. It basically concerns his long obsession with the ruins of Diocletian's Palace at Split, and the major enterprise of producing and marketing his monumental Unparalled loans from Russia and Rome; an eve-opener. National Library of Scotland, George IV Bridge, Edinburgh (031-226-4531). Mon-Fri, 9.30am-5pm, Sat, 9.30am-5pm, Sun, 2-5pm, until Sept 30.

SALEROOMS TUESDAY: Staffordshire figures, Toby jugs, commemorative ceramics, and some good glass are offered

at 11am. London SW7 (071-584 9161). TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY: Even those who were thoroughly imtated by The Draughtsman's Contract will be sad to see Groombridge Place, Kent, the house used in the film, stripped of its

fumishings in a contents sale by Sotheby's, 10.30am and 2.30pm each day. Sotheby's, sale enquiries to

Sept 19: 0892 861461. WEDNESDAY: Christie's Scotland move to Northern Ireland for a sale of Irish paintings and drawings at Belfast Castle, Anto Road, Belfast, 7pm. Those who cannot afford the over-hyped Slasgow Boys and Scottish Colourists should look at some of Christie's, 164-6 Bath Street, Glasgow (041-332 8134); Sept 15 and 16: 0232 776925. THURSDAY: A busy day in London with military art and artefacts at Sotheby's, 10.30am and 2.30pm; British and Victoria paintings, and watercolours at Christie's, South Kensington,

10.30am; and clocks, watches and barometers at Bonhams, 11am Phillips are not likely to be thanked by bibliophiles, since they have moved in on Bloomsbury Book Auctions' regular sale time with a session of printed books and maps. BBA have a sale of important Hebrew printed books and manuscripts at 1pm. Sotheby's: New Bond Street London W1 (071-493 8080). Christie's South Kens 85 Old Brompton Road, London SW7 (071-581 7611). Landon SW7 (071-584 9161). Philips, 101 New Bond Stree London W1 (071-629 6602). omsbury Book Auctio

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EDVARD MUNCH: Coinciding with the Festival of Scandinav Arts to be held in London this autumn, the exhibition The Frieze o Life is an opportunity to see the work of the Norwegian artist Edward work of the Norwegian arust cuvard Munch. Focusing on Munch's autobiographical "poem of love, life and death, the Frece of Life", the exhibition includes 85 paintings, prints and drawings, and features The Dance of Life, Madonna, Vampire and The

WC2 (First Call: 071-497 9977). £1 booking fee. Nov 12-Feb 7.

RIRMINGHAM ROYAL BALLET: The compliny opens is easen in Birmi**ngham** presenting the company premiers of Green Table, a dance-drama by the German international dance pioneer Kurt Jeoss. The piece was created in 1932 to expose the horrors of war. Green Table shares a triple bill with Ashton's abstract work for six dancers, Symphonic Variations, and David Bintley's Flowers of the Forest, a combination of maditional Scottish dancing with classical ballet. The company will also be performing *Sno*vy Queen and

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Romeo and Juliet this season. Hippodrome, Birmingham (021-622 7486), Oct 19-31. Theatre Royal, Plymouth (0752 267222), Nov 2-7. Opera House, Manchester (061-236 9922),

STAGES: A famous collaboration is to be revised at the National Theatre. Lindsay Anderson's productions by David Storey such as The Contractor, Home and Life Class were among the highlights of the Sixtes and Seventies Now they team up again for a new Storey play. Stages, starring Alan Bates (who played the ead in several Storey-Anderson collaborations). National (Cottesion), South Bank, London SE1 (071-928 2252),

views from Nov 12; opens WIGMORE HALL! London's favourite chamber music venue reopens after its 18-month refurbishment programme on November 12. The 91-year-old Wigmore has been given a new restaurant and enlarged foyer and backstage areas. A gala reopening concert will have a Shakespeare theme, and include Vaughan Williams's Serenade to Music with 16 solo singers. The Reopening Festival continues with performances by soorano Margaret Price (Nov 13); the Seaux Arts Tno (Nov 14); Gothic Voices (Nov 16); Les Arts

and Baroque Series opens on November 19. Wigmore Half, Wigmore Street.

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Recves in Close My Eyes CLOSE MY EYES (Artificial Eye, 18): Sexual games between brother and sister one hot London summer, relayed by writer-director Stephen Poliakoff with a sharp sense of society's fissures. Beautifully shot in sultry colours; peopled by characters that take us by surprise

Saskia Reeves, Clive Owen, Alan Rickman. 1991. FATHER OF THE BRIDE (Buena Vista, PG): Daughter's impending wedding drives Steve Martin crazy. Mild remake of the 1950 classic, ideal for audiences who want to be spoon-fed. Diane Keaton; director, Charles Shyer.

HIGH HEELS (CIC, 18): Talketive melodrama of family secrets from Spain's master of camp, Pedro Almodóvar. Furnishings and acting come up to expectations, but the overall effect is lukewarm. Victoria Abril, Marisa Paredes.

THE MIGHT IS YOUNG (Artificial Eye, 15): More amour fou from Leos Carax, director of Les Amants du Pont Neuf, with Denis Lavant and Juliette Binoche as lovers embroiled in gang warfare. Piled high with self-conscious style, but exhibitanting, 1986.

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Two men and a difficult lady

Matthew d'Ancona tries not to laugh at

the old sitcom formula of cohabiting

bachelors with girlfriend problems



British television cornedy be without men who cohabit? An odd thought, I know, but consider the sitcom greats

that have hinged on the simple device of men living together in a confined space. From Steptoe and Son to The Young Ones, via Porridge, Only Fools and Horses. Open All Hours, even the sketches in Eric and Ernie's flat: when two or more men are gathered in one place, viewers tend

I laughed quite a lot at last night's first episode of Terry and Julian (Channel 4), the new Julian Clary vehicle which promises to plumb new depths of tastelessness and tack. At the same time, I felt I should try to rise above it all. But this is Clary's talent: he knows you feel you shouldn't laugh at such crude banality. And you know he knows. So you laugh even more.

To the familiar recipe of two guys, a bachelor flat and a difficult girlfriend is added the twist, straight between the eyes, of Clary's outrageous campness. No one on earth can say "coo-ee" with as much panache. Dry ice billows at his feet, costumes change with abandon, and a boring lounge becomes a baroque throne-room with a snap of the fingers. Like all good comedy, Terry and Julian revels in reversals of power relations: in this case, a feminine man taking control of all he surveys.

Clary's foil is Terry (Lee Simpson), a straight and suburban type who is liberal enough to take on an exotic flatmate but square enough to miss the point of his asides. "You don't just shuffle about in beige clothing." Clary advises his new landlord. "People want elegance, cheekbones, good wholesome entertainment — and the occasional homosexual mincing about in full make-up."

This may be a universal law of comedy but it is one observed with particular fervour by Clary's faithful audience, who queue up to be hauled on to the stage and into the plot by their idol. Of course, too much rinual humiliation simply makes the toes curl. and Clary's mock quiz show Sticky Moments suffered from severe overkill in this department. But, once in a halfhour slot, the technique works well and nicely blends the sitcom genre with Clary's cabaret material. You are never allowed to forget why you

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switched on in the first place. Clary, of course, faces the same career dilemma as the other "alternative" comedians who spent the Thatcher era tearing comedy from the grasp of Bernard Manning and Benny Hill and making it politically correct: where next and how best to grow old? Ben Elton may still be ranting about New Men and Tories, but his fellow pioneers Ade Edmondson and Rik Mayall have essentially gone back to the Hancock formula in their bleak, sepia-tinged series, Bottom. Likewise, after a few years as the acceptable face of comic subver-sion, Clary has now seized the more conventional mantle of Frankie Howerd as the king of innuendo from avant-garde to double entendre. Sitcom of one kind or another was bound to follow.

In this respect, Men Behaving Badly (Tuesday, ITV) has much in common with Terry and Julian, in that it started life as a showcase for Harry Enfield, a scriptwriter for most of the alternative comics who then made a name in his own right as a stand-up. And - surprise, surprise - it also revolves around two guys, a hachelor flat and a difficult girlfriend.

adly, Enfield's daffy character Dermot has now left the series and his landlord Gary (Martin Chines) in search of love and travel, to be replaced by the more Chippen-dalean Tony (Neil Morrissey). Tony is a bit gormless, a tall, dark sort who wears American baseball jackets and works in the record industry (but where exactly? See episode two for punch line, I

Evidently, the running gag is going to be that the newcomer is not as strait-laced as he seems. The female characters may swoon on cue at his vulnerable sincerity, but he is really just as weird as his predecessor: witness the toy lightsabre in his bedroom and the pig's head in his carrier bag.

Martin Chines makes most of the running as the pseudo-yuppie pompous ass, who calls his three-piece suite a "U-shaped seating amenity" and locks his rebellious secretary in a cupboard ("Firm but fair, George, firm but fairt"). The trouble is, the contrast between the two lead characters is not stark enough to make for comic tension.



Odd couples: David Troughton and Peter Davison in A Very Polish Practice, and Lee Simpson and Julian Clary as Terry and Julian

Overgrown adolescents are only funny if there is conflict in the air and, as odd couples go, Tony and Gary are not particularly odd.

Watching Men Behaving Badly also made me wonder why jokes ibout tight trousers are so ubiquitous. Perhaps there is a secret manual of cabbalistic knowledge to which comedy writers refer when looking for a throwaway laugh: Tight Trousers, Dead Parrots and Banana Skins — 1,001 ways to save a Sitcom Scene.

Certainly the sight of David Troughton as Dr Bob Buzzard stranded in a Warsaw hotel wearing a tailored suit jacket and a ridiculously stug pair of jeans was one of the best moments in Sunday's A Very Polish Practice (BBC2). But then the mishaps of Buzzard, the upwardly mobile, downwardly trodden GP from Lowlands University, were always the choicest pleasures in A Very

Peculiar Practice, the campus comedy series which inspired this spinoff set in Poland. At Lowlands, he and his win-

some colleague Dr Stephen Daker (Peter Davison) were the true odd couple, symbols respectively of hap-less greed and hapless liberalism. This time round, Buzzard was in town as salesman for Hamburger International, out to make a killing. as it were, selling medical supplies on the new free market - not least the "Buzzard Marcos", a cut-price operating table developed in the Philippines with "shiny bits to

appeal to the peasant mentality". Daker, meanwhile, was struggling at a hospital which had run out of pain-killers, and with a wife, Grete (Joanna Kanska), who had run out of patience. Marital trauma followed with the re-appearance of Grete's old flame, a black-market millionaire determined to win her back. A standard love triangle, and

pretty mundane stuff compared to the intricate plots that writer Andrew Davies used to dream up for the more claustrophobic redbrick

ut who cares? This was an unmissable chance to renew acquaintance with the Very Peculiar universe and all its oddities, and a reminder that you don't have to shout as loudly as Ben Elton to poke fun at New Right politics. Davies's theme was once again the threat of rampant materialism to common decency and enlightened values, embodied in health care and higher education, transposed from the British welfare state to post-Communist Eastern Europe.

"Sometimes I forget, we are all revisionists now," murmured Daker's boss Dr Krapowski, who still believed in Marx but covered the "Tweed Harris" suits that came

with western business. One form of corruption had given way effortless ly to another, the rhetoric of liberation no more than a memory. The sinister men lurking at the airport were black market agents

rather than secret policemen.
Yet Davies's writing is far too offcentre to be preachy. Beneath the political message there is a dark and vaguely surreal sense of human entropy, of inevitable decline. Dr Daker and his wife, reunited implausibly at the airport, might ride off into the sunset in their little hatchback, but one felt their happiness was built on fragile foundations. The Very Peculiar universe belongs to Dr Buzzard ("I get these sudden lurches into despair from time to time") and the two nuns who linger at its fringes. Which, oddly, is why it is all so funny. Perhaps laughter rings loudest at the edge of oblivion. ● Lynne Truss is on holiday

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• Casualty (Saturday, BBC1, 8.10pm) In spite of the occasional grish moment, Casualty really does seem to appeal to everyone, and not just those who have had stirches sewn in by the NHS. I can think of at least two distinguished university academics who will be thrilled at its return tonight, with new characters to up the tempo and a row over an organ transplant. Video machines will be whirring, and rightly so.

Holby Hospital has now opted out of NHS control, a plot development which augurs well for lots of top-notch rows in the medicine cupboard. Most of the emotional fall-out of this momentous step will doubtless land on the epauleties of Charlie Fairhead (Derek Thompson), whose sturdiness has probably convinced a whole generation of small boys to be nurses rather than train drivers. A must-see for ambulance-chasers everywhere.

Who Needs a Heart

(Monday, Channel 4, 10pm) Stand by for the year of Malcolm X. and a torrent of books and programmes in the slipstream of Spike Lee's forthcoming film biography of the radical black activist. Anyone eager to arm themselves before the pundits get to it should try this independent feature about the black power movement in 1900s Britain and its leader Michael X. which went down a treat at last year's London Film Festival.

(Thursday, BBC1. 4pm)
The banning of Billy Bunter from
the airwaves is bad enough, but what will an updated version of Enid Blyton's most famous creation be like? The transition of Toyland's boy hero to the 1990s in this 13-part animated series promises to be a rough ride. Pruning the dodgier bits of the Noddy stories igolliwogs and the spanking teacher Miss Rap) was probably wise, but die-hard fans may feel cheated.

● Crime Story (Friday, ITV, 9pm)

Social historians of the future will have a thing or two to say about our taste for reconstructed crime. The idea is pious enough - to catch villains using the power of mass television. But the reality is often that the audience is able to experience a grisly re-run of the crime on a mere pretext.

This new series will mix dramatised versions of old case histories with appeals for public help with unsolved crimes. Some will say that the end justifies the means: a captive audience may turn up new information. Others will find the rewind to murders of the past ghoulish in the extreme. Tonight: the 1979 Case of the Handless Corpse.

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Record reviews: Suzanne Vega, the Jay McShann band and a symphony of classical music

Vega stretches to her sharpest yet

Thill the British remix duo DNA hijacked Suzanne Vega's a cap-pells "Tom's Diner" and transformed its Edward Hopper-like observations of Manhattan street life into one of last summer's ubiquitous dance-floor anthems, the 33year-old New Yorker's image was indivisible from her physical appearance: frail, pale and interesting. The release on Monday of a fourth studio album, 99.9F, should further mutate this misleading stereo-

Recorded in collaboration with the rock producer Mitchell Froom, it represents her sharpest work to date, juxta-posing acoustic folk with minimal dance beats and industrial noise, in a mood of happy

The recent single "In Liverpool", a gently rolling ballad, provided an unhelpful flag to Vega's new direction. Its selection above several other more challenging tracks (try "Fat

fter two first Prom per-

Alfred Schnittke this

summer comes a turther piece

of recorded documentation.

The Cello Concerto No I, first

recorded last year by Thorleif

by its dedicatee, Natalia Sutman (EMI CDC 7 54443

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Thedeen, is at last performed

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The concerto was sketched

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ral. Not until the end of

slow movement does she

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clearer air. She bounces

to a cynical Shostakovich-

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Man & Dancing Girl" for size, or "Blood Makes Noise") suggests that her record company may be nervous of scaring off her core audience. She herself appears to have no such qualms and seems to relish the opportunity Froom's quirky settings have given her to stretch beyond her familiar

styles and concerns.

"As Girls Go", a musing on sexual identity, is the perfect example specific enough in its detail to induce a shiver, yet sympathetic and far from tasteless, it represents a balancing act that few other performers would have dared attempt, and which fewer still could have hoped to carry off so adeptly. Like 99.9F itself, it is clever, controlled, engagingly human, and helps to con-firm Vega as a big-league

ALAN JACKSON

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into the concluding largo. Here, though, through a long

ascent, strenuous with double-

stopping, a sense of final

The London Philharmonic.

under Kurt Masur, makes its

formidable contribution in a

recording in which sound is

spread more effectively than in

the comparatively boxy accom-

paniment to the Schumann A Minor Cello Concerto.

there are Lynn Harrell's deft

transcriptions for cello of two of Mendelssohn's Salon pieces.

at the heart of a robust all-

Mendelssohn recital (Decca

430 198-2). The cello becomes

a quite different creature in

Harrell's hands. Even in arch

romantic writing, he never

allows the bow to glide where

he can cut out a swift, energetic

line: his deep bowstrokes

bring panache to the little B

march, only to crawl back Flat Major Sonata Mendels-

For a real Lied ohne Worte

ecstasy is achieved.

From numbness to cello ecstasy

sohn wrote for his brother.

testing D Major Sonata rings out with the glee of the Italian Symphony and Harrell leaps into it with the pianist Bruno

Canino bounding into his footprints. Canino is the prime

mover in the following little impromptu, pickled by some

witty cello pizzicato, before

Harrell again muscles in on

With the Variations concert-

antes (not quite as sérieuses as those Mendelssohn wrote for

piano) this is a refreshingly

bold contribution to the justifi-

ably growing catalogue of

Mendelssohn chamber music.

a performance of the Fantasie-

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Michael Collins tunes his dar-

inet to the dream-like quality

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its climax point without ever

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The piece opens an irresist-

Back to Schumann again in

The more substantial and



Master of a balancing act: self-confident Suzanne Vega

Dedicated: Natalia Gutman

ible recital record (his first for

EMI, CDC 7 54419 2) which,

imaginatively accompanied by

Kathryn Stott, includes some

marvellous, sensitive and intu-

trive ducting in Debussy's

Premier Rhapsody and Pou-

lenc's Clarinet Sonata, and

a truly virtuosic performance

of Weber's Grand Duo Con-

HILARY FINCH

Call of the budding Bird

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hen musicians first heard the young, un-named saxophonist played on live dance band broadcasts by the Jay McShann orchestra, many were desperate to find out his identity. One story tells how members of Charlie Barnet's big band were so intrigued after catching a solo on the wireless that they dashed from their own concert to hear the rest of McShann's show, 20-odd miles away in Harlem.

The saxophonist's name, they discovered, was Charlie Parker. A legend was about to be born. Even now, 50 years later, it is possible to share in the sense of excitement by listening to Parker's wild and all too brief sorties on *Blues* from Kansas City (MCA/GRP 16142), a compilation of McShann's studio recordings from the early 1940s.

ne unfortunate side-effect of this fascination with the budding Parker is that it relegates McShann to the shadows, when he deserves recognition as one of the great blues and boogie-based jazz pianists. He has a respectable list of compositions to his credit as well, "Fore Day Rider" and "Confessin' the Blues" among

At its peak McShann's loose-limbed band was a rival to the Basie swing orchestra. This disc also devotes ample space to McShann's dashing

small-group work.
Twelve-bars with a more contemporary gloss are explored on Taj's Blues (Columbia 471660), a selection of Taj Mahai's output from his Columbia début in 1967 to a sensuous solo rendition of "East Bay Woman" from

The dozen songs form an enticing introduction to his career, even though it downplays his Caribbean roots. File next to Robert Cray.

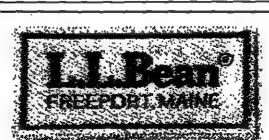
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QUILTY SECRETS: BRIAN GLOVER

"I always watch Video View. I've never bought a video in my life, but I stay up until the middle of the night to watch it because I'm secretly in love with the presenter, Marielia Frostrup. An extremely attractive woman, she has a deep, sexy voice, wonderful book like a packet of cornflakes. Described the secret of cornflakes. During the programme she criticises movie videos and sometimes she's quite nasty about them, which I enjoy. The programme is on ITV after midnight and necessitates sitting through Prisoner: Cell Block H, so I must be addicted!"

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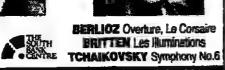
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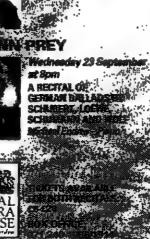
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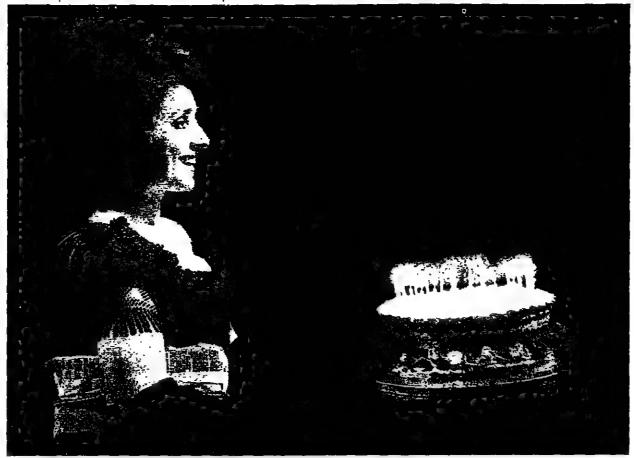
ndignant cries , ran through Manchester earlier this week after the publication of a survey in which American businessmen named it their least-coveted location, after Warsaw. Order was partially restored when Radio 4's Today programme interviewed its own Brian Redhead, champion of the northwest, who briskly denounced the findings as

Mancunians will tell you that Manchester is enjoying a glorious renaissance. The business community is active. new buildings are under construction, redevelopment has been imaginative - notably in the Castlefield area with its array of canals and warehouses -- and the gentle hand of progress has restored trams to the city centre. The city will again bid for the Olympics, the way, so that the Halle Orchestra under its new music director Kent Nagano can rival the Birmingham/Simon

Nor is this just a question of civic pomp and face-lifting. "Certainly it's the cultural life of Manchester which enables companies to get top executives to move out of London and come up here," says Braham Murray, one of the artistic directors of Manchester's Royal Exchange Theatre.

This may sound like provincial tub-thumping, but a clutch of arts events supports Murray's enthusiasm. The Boddington's Manchester Festival of Arts and Television began yesterday and runs for three weeks - all the more corpulently after securing a record £1.2 million three-year commitment from Boddington's, the local brewery. Earlier this year the city hosted an innovative Festival of Expressionism. And Manchester has been designated Britain's City of Drama by the Arts Council. which will mean a year-long

jamboree in 1994. Is Manchester about to beStill bidding for the next Olympics but one, Manchester is preparing to be the 1994 British City of Drama. Andy Lavender investigates



Worth celebrating: Valentina Yakunina as Nastasia in The Idiot, premiered at the Royal Exchange in 1991

come Britain's second home of theatre? "What's to demote it?" asks Murray. He is only halfjoking. "I know that the audience here is theatre-hungry. but I don't know where the theatre-hungry audience is in London. Manchester is very alive. You can park. It's cheaper. And the Royal Exchange the building itself - is the image of something which London just doesn't have: an exciting space on a major scale that people can come to with-out feeling they've got to get

dressed up, and yet still have a huge sense of occasion."
Indeed, at one point the

Royal Exchange was planning to give London exactly that, by using the Roundhouse in Chalk Farm as its London showcase. That happy piece of reverse imperialism may yet happen, despite the recent sale of the Roundhouse.

Murray agrees that pointsscoring against London is only a minor concern. The real pleasure lies in the fact that the City of Drama nomination makes concrete something that has been happening in Manchester for some years. The City of Drama year is

about the renaissance of the greater Manchester area through culture," explains Christopher Barron, director of Manchester City of Drama 1994. "Manchester isn't naive. It's a very pragmatic city. and very forward-looking." This is far from the Grad-

grindian image of bricks and smoke, or the city Engels lived in when he wrote his Condition of the Working Classes in England. If you believe the arts administrators. Manchester is now a haven of niceness, with a healthy arts scene at its centre. Everybody talks to everybody else: the Labour council liaises with the development quango, the arts institutions are chummy with

The city seems well set for its year of drama. In addition to touring companies, mainstream houses and the Royal Exchange, Manchester can

local businesses.

boast the respected Library and Contact theatres, the Green Room, and new venues such as the NIA centre, devoted to black performance, and Expressions, geared to the presentation of international fringe performance. The year of drama promises to raise the pitch. "It's caught the imagination," says Murray. "Early indications from people who have been approached for sponsorship is that they see it is part of the regeneration of to make Manchester one of

The current Boddington's Manchester Festival is a fair illustration of the civic ambitions involved. Its programme has an international flavour, especially in an enticing offering of European music. Meanwhile, festival director Phil Jones signals its anti-élitist aspirations by promising "the most pop music you'll see in an arts festival in this country". It caters for minority and community groups. And it proudly presents a healthy crop of Manchester talent. Jones is confident that audi-

the major European cities."

ences will be forthcoming. "People are still spending money on going out. You don't see a vibe like you see in Manchester on a Saturday night in any other city in western Europe." Add to this the fact that there are eight million people within driving distance and you begin to see why businesses are so interested in sponsoring the arts.

But it is a question of common will. "Manchester is aware that an active arts community is all part of the raising of the city's status," says Jones. "It needs a council with vision to realise that." The vision may already be paying off.

● Full details of events in the Boddington's Festival of Arts and Television may be obtained by telephoning 061-228 1166

ROCK

A trifle,

Throwing Muses

Town & Country

Muses' songs imbue house

metal, but in a curiously

manicured way. As the group

drummer David Narcizo and

bassist Bernard George - felt their way through most of Red

Heaven, the sound got more

cutting, the atmosphere more

aggressive. This was tem-

pered, though, by an intellec-

tual sobriety that intimated

Educated Middle Classes At

Play. Much of the material,

notably the spiky pop of "Counting Backwards",

evoked memories of the Talk-

ing Heads' art-school rock.

singer/guitarist Hersh.

British are strong on the joy of music

WHETHER by accident or design, our own Premiere Ensemble, one of the most exciting groups to have emerged in Britain in recent years, occupied the QEH the evening before its better established American counterparts the Orpheus Chamber Orchestra, flew in for the first of its three South Bank dates.

Whereas the conductoriess Orpheus has made its reputation with high-powered readings of the classics and has only recently turned to contemporary composers to replenish the repertory, the Premiere has under music director Mark Wigglesworth. from the start promoted the music of 20th century British composers, not least that of its president, George Benjamin. The Premiere does not have

the hyper-glossy, machine-like precision of the Orpheus. But that is in any case a doubtful asset. What the British players do exude is a sense of pleasure at making music together. To the opening work, Tip-pen's Concerto for Double String Orchestra, they brought just the right drive.

the propulsive rhythms, to generate its youthful energy. I admired, too, the clarity with which Wigglesworth defined the antiphonal discussion between the two parts of the orchesura.

The ensemble also seemed to relish the taxing demands of Tippett's later Concerto for Orchestra, where all the departments are put through their paces. Here the odd ragged edge did show, more CONCERT -

Premiere Ensemble

QEH

in the upper strings than anywhere else, though the curious throw away endings of each of the movements were nicely done. George Benjamin's Upon

Silence, a setting of Years's "Long-Legged Fly", was written originally for five viols and mezzo-soprano. In his new version, given its British premiere here. Benjamin has replaced the viols with a small modern-instrument ensemble (two violas, three ecilos, two basses). The strings are directed to play without vibrato and minimised, though it must be a good deal easier to negotiate the opening Presto on modern instruments.

The insect-like, whitting effeet, brilliantly conceived by Benjamin, was impressively executed by the seven players. They also succeeded in catching the whimsy, the imaginatively offbeat gestures that mark the score out, like so much of this composer's work, as fresh and original. Susan Bickley, who had

carlier given a performance of Phaedra, was equally alive to these idiosynerasies in her sympathetic rendering of the solo vucal part.

BARRY MILLINGTON

Shallow and flighty

anniversary season opened on Wednesday with a re-studied revival of its two-year-old production of Mozart's opera. The name of the original producer (Jürgen Gosch) did not appear in the programme - Graham Deviin was in charge. The anonymous abstract sets had been adapted, and were relit by Ben Ormerod. The results were simple to a fault: there was little sense of time and place,

SCOTTISH OPERA'S 30th

This matters: it helps a director make some sense of the action, more sense, say, than the sisters balking at a kiss in the first act finale when they had been heavily mauled of hairy Albanian bandits (somewhat optimistically described as "gentlemen" by Don Alfonso). Indeed, establishing the new pairings as soon as the Albanians enter removes much of the interest from the rest of the first act and pre-empts the turningpoint in the second, which had in no sense been prepared for. This was not a Cosi that

or of social context.

probed deep. It was sung in Martin Fitzpatrick's and Justin Brown's new English translation. Why? There are already three perfectly good ones in existence, and this was no improvement on any of them. The current fetish for new translations for every new production -- and now revivals - is threatening to get out of hand, Must singers be required to learn a new text practically every time they sing

Brown conducted, fast, furiously, cleanly, securing some **OPERA**

Così fan tutte Theatre Royal. Glasgow

fine woodwind playing from a properly-sized orchestra. There was plenty of dramatic thrust, but a corresponding lack of nuance, of emotional danger, which emphasised similar lacunae on stage.

The cast was youthful — a good start — but uneven: the voices of neither the sisters nor the brother officers blended gratefully. Anne Williamsdynamic was on this showing too limited for Flordiligi, and her tuning was unreliable: the same was sadly true of her Ferrando, Kevin Anderson, so memorable in ENO's Street Scene earlier this year, but here trankly out of his depth. The gentle-toned Guglicimo. Martin Higgins, didn't always project over the

orchestra. Elizabeth McCormack's traditionally rogueish Dorabella (it is a bad tradition) phrased her lines with welcome musical imagination, and Gordon Sandison was a benign Alionso. Best of all was the pert, dead-common Despina of Sally Harrison. She has a beautifully fresh, pingy soprano and sang the lines in both recitative and aria as if the words had just been written and really meant something. The performance caught fire when she was on stage.

RODNEY MILNES

Careless talk still costs lives

he women are laughing at the coincidence that both their husbands are in psychotherapy: On- the closely-shaved lawn in their Ealing garden Stephanie has spread a picnic cloth and Colin is in charge of the drinks. Tony and Maddy nave been invited over for a summer lunch, and when the women go back into the house to prepare the salad, the men wearily stalk each other around the square of grass. tossing scraps of conversation towards each other: where best to go on holiday, what best to

do when wine is corked. Colin is the more aggressive. not really an easy host. Tony seems a ready victim, distressed as to whether to eat a second crepe. Unease and menace drift in the air, counterpointed by Howard Davidson's music, well described by Martin Hoyle as "Satie on a downer" when he reviewed the play at the Royal Exchange. Manchester. From the house come the bursts of merry laughter, so puzzling and dis-

turbing to the men. Michael Wall first wrote the play for radio in 1989, the same year that he won the Mobil Playwriting Competition with Amongst Barbarians, also shown at Man-

WITH Major Barbara a reas-

suring classical presence in the

main auditorium, the Glas-

gow Citizens is mounting a

world premiere and a British

first in its two studio spaces.

Each production is designed

by its director; a not unusual

practice here. Each is also

beautifully acted, one with a

calculated melancholy light-

ness of touch, the other with

superbly disciplined physicali-

ty - both rather less common

The Wasp Factory is based

on the novel by the Scots writer

lain Banks. Director-designer

Malcolm Sutherland has

adapted the work, which may

at this address.

THEATRE

Women Laughing Theatre Upstairs, **Royal Court**

chester and then at Hampstead. Last year he died of a brain tumor and Women Laughing stands as a poignant reminder of how fine a talent the theatre lost by his early death.

He does not patronise his characters. The men are anxjously aware of the power of words and confess their need to be precise: such concern is comic but Wall's tone is compassionate, disclosing his own understanding of how words can drive a person mad. John Michie's Tony is tor-

gle his wife (Matilda Ziegler), a brainless witterer who chats in unconsidered clichés: "I believe in giving people a fair chance, but fair's fair." When, in the second act, set in the grounds of an asylum, Tony is virtually silenced by drugs, Maddy's uncomprehending banalities are only an extreme version of the divorce of lan-

dy that has wrecked them all. Tenderness breaks the surface when the desperately talkative Colin (Christopher Fulford, excellent unexpectedly blurts out his love for Stephanie, and Maggie O'Neill, eyes stricken with arms. Beautifully acted, the play's adroit mix of comedy and anguish is sensitively paced and spaced in Richard Wilson's direction, where the only fault is bad placing of the asylum benches.

Trank McGuinness's Beirut-set play Some-one Who'll Watch Over Me also transfers this week from Hampstead, where it was reviewed in these pages, to the Vaudeville, with James McDaniel taking over from Hugh Quarshie as the American hostage. Alec McCowen and Stephen Rea continue as the Englishman and the Irishman, chained to the cell they must share. Heirs to an ancient enmity, they finally break through to a mutual under-

Though lightweight in characterisation, the play is wel-

come in a West End otherwise all too short of serious drama. JEREMY KINGSTON



Clearly not communicating: Maddy (Matilda Ziegler) and Colin (Christopher Fulford) in Women Laughing

Scottish rococo feast, with a The Wasp Factory/

explain the packed cohesive-ness of this fascinatingly macabre 65 minutes of superbly drilled physical theatre.

Frank lives on a Scottish island with his father. His brother Eric has escaped from a lunatic asylum; phone calls from the fugitive end in hysterical abuse and the hint that far from giving up his habit of eats them as well.

Home Show Pieces

Frank casually reveals the three murders he himself committed as a child. A snake slipped into a handicapped friend's artificial leg, the exhortation to his five-year old brother to play with a bomb found on the beach, and the entanglement in a giant kite of little cousin Esmerelda who is (literally) blown away: these

The role of Frank is shared by Raji James and Daniel Illsley, the latter unnervingly convincing as a bland budding psychopath. They somersault, wrestle and complete each other's lines, even evoke a disco where Frank dances with his dwarf friend on his shoulders (the British equivalent of Carson McCullers's rococo Deep South is evidently

the Caledonian far north). Completing the cast is Angela Bullock, who spends much of the time in an overhead gallery providing offstage voices or manipulating the puppetry of exploded siblings, and also appears as

"mem mysell with puttermilk. I company and good conversa- Boyd's in Kensington. I two daughters aged 18 and 22.

the windswept Esmerelda wafted, squealing, away. The production discreetly uses a host of television screens to punctuate, emphasise and illustrate, as in the climactic vision of maggots seething in a deformed baby's brain that tips poor Eric into madness.

THREE talented actors also

Allen-type urban intelligentsia filtered through specifically gay sensibilities. The first play a sort of homosexual Voix Humaine, with Cocteau's deseried woman replaced by a lonely playwright who gossips. laments, rings around in the hope of company, finds solace in masturbation and finally has the courage to leave a message on his lover's answer-

lavatory imagining a triumphant first night, rehearsing his own gracious acknowledg-

ments and the homage of admirers. Another virtual monologue for Henry Ian Cusick is interrupted by the offstage voice of the boyfriend in comments and queries on domestic matters.

from characters we never meet again, a minor-key scherzo on the Angst of the arty classes. An actor and actress compare self-analytic notes; both agree you must forgive while she adds en passant that her father was "a son of a bitch -spiteful, selfish . . . but you forget it, let go." The two precariously balanced neurones are beautifully played by Siobhan Stanley (flailing vindictiveness not far beneath the smiling surface) and Michael Matus (finally on the verge of tears).

Hersh had a jittery intensity that recalled the Heads' David Byrne. Her involvement with the tunes was so complete that she only surfaced to murmur an occasional thank you. Her ters dutch and repel one concentration provoked an the another in a panicky flight from isolation. At times it sounds like a Jewish version of private Angst session. A.R. Gurney, in its litarry of roots and family, nostalgia. guilt and sadness at time passing; and the necessity of gently fighting free of one's background to emerge as a

MARTIN HOYLE

hold objects with coded signif-icance, so the lamps probably had some obscure relevance. 'Funny and haunting' We remained unenlightened. The evening's tone was established at the outset by "Manic Depression". This jagged instrumental flirted with the fringes of heavy 'Delightfully large-hearted, this is the

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ing machine.

add polish to The Home Show Pieces by David Greenspan, an American who has had work produced at the Royal Court Theatre Upstairs. The same director. Matthew Lloyd, presents these four short plays, each in a different room of the same house over a seven-year period.
The background is Woody

We meet him again in the third play, sitting on the These two playlets are sepa-rated by a hilarious dialogue

The final play sums up the themes. The tone has a hint of a Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf? subtext in the antagonism and longing as charac-

uncomfortable sensation that the audience were voyeurs at a But what was Hersh singing about? It could have been anything. The words were obscured by the volume. Wednesday's show was not entertainment in that word's whole person. Some passages usual sense. Its turbulence left go on too long, but the writing you drained rather than elatalways intriguing, often ed. Throwing Muses ought to funny and sometimes chalbe required viewing - at least

CAROLINE SULLIVAN

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Frances Bissell, the Times cook, on

prunes and other orchard matters



READER from don, posed a problem that had Francesca Greenoak, the Times gardening correspondent, and me

hunting through our historic gardening and cookery books: How do you make prunes from Victoria plums?

With a good crop of plums this year, it is sensible to dry some; there is a limit to the pots of jam one can store, consume or give away. Prunes have been used in the

British kitchen since the Middle Ages, when they were brought on the spice ships from southern Europe and the Middle East, but there are no recipes for making prunes out of plums at home. It is hard to imagine that our ancestors did not realise they were the dried fruit of trees similar to those which grew in their own orchards. We can only assume that, as now, there was a ready supply of imports.

The plum traditionally used for drying is not the Victoria but the Agen plum from southwest France, which was taken to California in the last century where it has

flourished ever since. Neil Heaton, writing in 1950 of prunes made at home, says that the easy way is to dry by prolonged slow drying with occasional turn-ing, until no moisture remains". Well, yes, but where and how? Constant, gentle heat and plenty of ventilation is required. A fanassisted oven set at 55C may do the trick, with the plums halved and laid in a single layer on wire cake racks. The drying time will vary from oven to oven. Or you can invest in a dehydrator (details at the end of the column), which is designed for drying many varieties of vegetables and fruit. Using this phims can be dried into prunes in about 24 hours at 55C.

It is the fresh fruit that tempts me at this harvest festival time of year. Not just Victorias but Presidents. Marjorie Seedlings, greengages, able now, together with some of the less well-known varieties of plums.

After the revival of interest in traditional English apples, we are now promised 25 varieties from Sainsbury's and 53 from Safeway throughout the growing season. Tydeman Early and Worcester Pearmain are good in September. The Cox is still a little immature when harvested this early, I find. Of the cooking apples, Grenadier is the one to look for, which has a short, early season.

Of the more exotic imports, this is about the only time of year when figs are affordable; purple Turkish and Greek figs sold by the piece and smaller green figs from Cyprus sold by the pound. With one exception, nectarines and peaches are past their best, but if you should come across them, treat yourself to some peches de vigne; their deep purple velvet skin and dark red flesh is matched by a rich flavour.

Melons and grapes can be very good at this time of year, and if perfectly ripe are best served as simply as possible, just chilled. The large, pale golden muscat grapes from southern Italy are exquisite when served after about 30-40 minutes in the freezer - a most

refreshing way to end a meal. Here are some more elaborate ways of preparing fruit pies and puddings for lunch and dinner, cakes for tea, and an excellent preserve made from damsons.

Damson cheese

If you have a damson tree, you will probably be inclined to make much more damson cheese than if you have to buy the fruit, so I have not given overall quantities. Use 1lb of sugar for 11b of fruit purée. You will need damsons, water and sugar.

Wash the damsons and place in a saucepan with about an inch of water in it to prevent the fruit sticking before the juices have been released. Cook the fruit until soft. Rub through a sieve, weigh the pulp and make a note of it. Weigh out an equal quantity of sugar. Crack some kernels and add these to the pulp for flavour. Put the puree in a saucepan and cook to reduce it by a quarter to a third to remove some of the water content. Meanwhile, warm the sugar and add it to the fruit puree. Stir over a low heat until the sugar has dissolved and then cook until the mixture thickens enough to part when a spoon is drawn through it. Pack into straight-sided pots, loaf tine or flat, round sponge tins, and leave overnight to set. The pots can then be covered and sealed. The cheese set in a loaf tin or sponge tin can be

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Plum cake
702/200g unsalted butter
702/200g caster sugar
4 free-range eggs, separated
l tap pure vanilla essence
7oz/200g plain flour
7oz/200g potato flour

turned out and closely wrapped in

thsp baking powder 13ft oz/370mi milk llb/455g plums, halved and stoned 2-3thsp granulated sugar Itsp ground cinnamon

Cream the butter and sugar and gradually add the egg yolks and then the vanilla essence. Then add.



alternately, milk and flours, adding baking powder with the last batch of milk. Whisk the egg whites and. when stiff, fold them into the cake dough. Spoon it into a clean, greased roasting pan or baking tray. Smooth the top and place the plum halves on it, skin side up. Bake for 40 minutes or so in a preheated oven to 170C/325F, gas mark 3. Remove from oven and, while warm, sprinkle with sugar and cinnamon mixed. Cut cold.

IN THE next two recipes, apples and pears are interchangeable:

DRINGTSCOUCH SAMES
(serves 4)
Pastry
4 lb/ (10g plain flour
202/60g ground almonds
30z/85g unsalted butter, diced
202/60g caster or icing sugar
I free range egg yolk

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Sift the flour and almonds and work in the butter. Mix the sugar, egg yolk, essence and zest and stir into the flour mixture. Add a little iced water if necessary to bind it. Knead it lightly together into a ball, wrap in ding film and rest the pastry in the fridge for two hours.

2-3 ripe but firm pears

Meanwhile, prepare the almond

paste, the filling and the sauce.

Peel, core and dice the pears. Sprinkle with orange juice and put 30z/85g unsalted butter at room temperature 602/170g caster sugar

4 lb/110g blanched chopped almonds 'a vanilla pod, split

Cream butter and sugar, stir in almonds, and add seeds from vanilla pod. Work into a ball and divide into four. Roll pieces into balls.

(this makes more than is required for the pear tarts. It keeps well in a jar in the fridge)

302/85g unsalted butter 202/60g granulated sugar 4 lb/110g light muscovado sugar l lb/455g golden symp

4 pt/140ml double cream Gently heat the butter, sugar and syrup in a heavy saucepan until Ited. Cook over a low heat for ten minutes or so, stirring occasionally to stop mixture sticking. Remove from the heat, and beat in cream.

Roll out the pastry and line four individual tart tins, about 4-5in/10-12.5cm in diameter. Fill with the diced pears. Press out circles of almond paste and cover the tarts. Bake in a pre-heated oven at 200C/400F, gas mark 6 for about 25 minutes, until the tops are golden brown. To serve, pour some of the sauce on to individual plates, put the tart on top, and dust with

> Apple and mint puddi (serves 4) l lb/455g apples

> > sugar to tasté

3-402/85-110g butter, softened

sliced white bread 4 pt/140ml double cream 4 pt/ I 40ml sweet sherry I free-range egg yolk

2 sprigs fresh mint 6thsp apricot jam loz/30g flaked almonds, lightly toasted

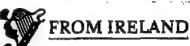
Peel, core and roughly chop the apples, and cook for 2-3 minutes. with just enough sugar to sweeten them. Butter slices of bread and cut each slice into four slightly wedge-shaped fingers. Cut a round of bread to fit the bottom of an oven-proof pudding basin, which should be first buttered and sprinkied with caster sugar. Line the bowl with the fingers of bread, butter side out.

Mix half the cream and sherry with the egg yolk and stir into the apple. Set aside the best mint leaves for garnish, and then chop the rest and add to the apple. Spoon into the bowl, and cover with a bread lid press down, riace in a pre heated oven for ten minutes at 200C/400F, gas mark 6. Remove and allow to rest while you make

Heat the jam in a saucepan, add the sherry, a little water if necessary, and the rest of the cream. Turn the pudding out on to a plate, strain the sauce over it, or hand separately and garnish with toasted nonds and mint.

● The Harvest Maid Dehydrator is availabe at £108, including VAT and delivery, from the International Supply Co, PO Box 189, Granary House, the nel Islands (0481 64866).

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 Irish oysters are no more than a phone call away and can be delivered within 24 hours. They are farmed Pacific oysters, as distinct from the flat, round native oysters, and the season has just opened. Pacific oysters are available year-round, but at their best from now until the spring. Prices vary according to the quantity ordered. In addition to live oysters, Cuan Sea Fisheries has oyster products; oyster mornay and angels on horse-back are available from Waitrose stores at £1.99 and £2.99

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● The wild salmon season is over until next spring. For those who cannot do without salmon, I recommend one from Northern Ireland which is farmed nonintensively, in open sea with

strong tides and low stocking

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Bia Mara aiso farms salmon some distance off the west coast of Ireland in the largest cages in Europe. I am told there are no lice, therefore no antibiotics are used I like the texture nd flavour of the Bia Mara salmon, although it does have a very dark orange colour. Sainsbury's stocks the Bla Maru 18a mout.

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A preference for the bottle

Jane MacQuitty

has turned off the tap in favour of

clean, healthy mineral water

gave up drinking tap water more than a decade ago. Living in London and moving to an old house with lead pipes, it was the everchanging taints in my local water board's tap water that finally persuaded me to switch to bottled waters. Fed up with chlorine-scented drinking water that gradually became a dirty, fish tank-like mouthful before being cleaned up by chlorine again, I decided that I cared as much about the contents of my water glass as I did my wine glass.

I am not alone in my predilection for a cleaner, purer, fresher-tasting glass of water one third of all UK households now drink bottled water. Ten years ago we drank just 45 million litres annually. but this year we are likely to wash down more than 500 million litres. Bottled water has become a

necessity, not an indulgence, due partly, at least, to the foul taste of much of the country's tap water. There is also considerable worry about pollution. Water boards argue that 57 standards are applied to tap water, and only 13 to bottled waters, which makes theirs the "safer" water. I am not so sure. There has been only one recent serious bottle-water scare: Perrier's problems with benzene 2½ years ago. Yet tainted tap water scandals occur most years. London's water boards are proud, too, that every recycled glass of water could have been through 13 stomachs before it



Clear choice: consumption of bottled water has increased nearly ten-fold in a decade

gets to yours. Rather an offputting thought, as is the realisation that fertilisers, insecticides, lead, hormones due to the contraceptive pill, and antibiotics are not being completely filtered out of tap water. Of them all, the dangers of lead and pesticides are Brit-

ain's greatest water problems. Health is another reason for turning from tap to mineral water. Across the Channel, mineral water cures and restful spa holidays are deemed so successful that stressed continentals can get them free from the state. That may be taking things too far, but when you consider that the human body is made up of 70 per cent water (80 per cent for new-born babies), there is some

you are what you drink. However, it is still the superior taste that persuades me to pay the premium for bottled water. I also rather enjoy the many different flavours of today's bottled waters, whether still or sparkling, natural or flavoured, heavily or lightly mineralised. So distinctive are the differences between the top classic mineral waters, such as Evian, Spa and Volvic, and

justification for believing that

even the sparklers such as San Pellegrino and Perrier, that it is possible to tell which is which, blind. It is the minerals that give

mineral water taste; the higher the percentage, the more fullflavoured and distinctive it is. The most aggressively flavoured mineral waters are those that rush warm from the ground in volcanic spa resorts such as Vichy, whose visitors drink the hot, salty, sodium bicarbonate-enhanced water with surprising relish. Bottled Vichy waters, such as the fizzy St Yorre (Oddbins 69p), are likely to be quite full-flavoured enough. At the other end of the mineral water taste spectrum is Evian, France's bestselling water, that filters through sand for 15 years at the foot of the Alps and as a result has a low mineral

arbonation also makes a difference to the taste. Artificially carbonated water has an unpleasant, gassy soda-pop character, while those that are naturally carbonated taste softer and more palatable. Degrees of carbonation also make a difference, whether in softly sparkling mineral waters such as Badoit or Ferrarelle, or a heavily carbonated one like

Choosing a good mineral water is confusing. Make certain that what you are buying is mineral water, not just tap water that has been filtered, bottled and given a fancy name. These waters are known as purified waters. Spring water, as the name suggests, is natural water from a spring, or drilled spring, without the specific, perhaps health-enhancing, mineral properties. Spring water, unlike mineral water, does not have to be bottled at its source. In addition, all mineral water has to be regularly analysed to ensure that its mineral composition remains the same.

Look out, too, for the newly arrived flavoured mineral waters. The classics, such as Perrier with a dash of lime, are the best of these. Many, such as the new Clearly Canadian range, have been strangely sweetened. If you can, buy your mineral water in glass, not plastic. The latter can affect the taste, especially with sparkling mineral water.

Best Water Buys

Strathmore (still), 21. Oddbins 55p, Safeway and Gateway 56p
Slightly peary scent and palate, with a firm, almost lemony flavour.
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ntil recently, agriculture and fishing played a dual role in Ireland's coastal areas, complementing and supporting each other in their own seasons. Where agriculture gave poor returns, people had to search for other means to supplement their dier

In this sense their lifestyle was very similar to that carried on by the hunters and gatherers, the very first settlers in Ireland. Although these Mesolithic people did not practise agriculture as we understand it today, they did know about edible plants and roots, fruits, nuts and berries, and the seasonal movement of wild animals and fish.

In early spring they camped on the coast near the estuaries of the thousands of rivers and tributary streams which flowed through the island, and gathered and ate the mussels, oysters, periwinkles, cockles, limpets and seaweed from the bays. They knew how to catch the cod, mackerel and ling that swam near the shore, using long bone or woodenhandled harpoons with tiny flint blades. and they were adept at trapping nesting sea birds, such as the puffin and gannet. and gathering their eggs. In summer they caught salmon in the estuaries and then followed them on their journey to the lakes where they would spawn. In AD1166 the writer and historian

Giraldus Cambrensis wrote: This Ireland is also specially remarkable for a great number of beautiful lakes, abounding in fish and surpassing in size those of other countries I have visited. The rivers and lakes also are plentifully stored with the sorts of fish peculiar to these waters and especially three species - salmon, trout and muddy eels, and oily shad."

We also know from Giraldus Cambrensis that "the Shannon abounds in lamprey", and from later documented accounts that mullet, roach, rudd, tench and bream were to be had, along with an abundant supply of freshwater crayfish from the limestone loughs of Lene, Sheelin and Derravaragh and others in the centre of the country. We know, too, from the archaeological remains of kitchen midden sites by the estuaries, rivers and lakes, that char, pollan, pike, perch and carp were present.

The Brehon Laws, which come to us from pre-Christian times, and which were in operation in all parts of Ireland outside the English Pale up until the time of Henry VIII, emphasised the importance of fish, giving a recognised status to fishermen in early Irish society. The mur bhreatha, or sea decisions, also showed the care taken by the Irish law-givers to preserve the rights of each clan to fish in their own rivers.

Along the coast and on the islands there was a much wider variety of produce from the shore than the land. From the bays the local community gathered molluses and shellfish, which were eaten in great quantities and provided them with their main source of protein. In 1788 a dergyman, describing the diet of the people in the Rosses, co.

Donegal, wrote:
"Their shellfish they got in the following manner: the men went to the rocks with a hook tied to the end of a strong rod; and with that they pulled from



under the rocks, as many crabs and lobsters as they wanted; the lobsters commonly weighing from five to 12 pounds each: for scollops and oysters. when the tide was out, the younger women waded into the sea where they knew the beds of such fish lay; some of them, naked; others having stripped off their petticoats, went in with their gowns tucked up about the waist: and by armfuls brought to shore, whatever number of scollops and oysters they

thought requisite." At one time lobsters were plentiful and cheap and highly sought after in the major towns. Although they are still greatly in demand, they are no longer cheap or as readily available, as most are exported to the markets of Europe.



DUBLIN LAWYER Gliomach Bha Bhaile Atha Cliath

Dublin lawyer is a traditional way of serving lobster, delicious in its simplicity. For the best results it is necessary to use a live lobster.

(serves 2) lobster, about 24 lb/1 kg 20z/50g butter 4thsp/60ml Irish whiskey 5fl oz/150ml double cream 1tsp/5mi mustard Itsp/5ml lemon juice

salt and freshly milled black pepper Plunge the lobster, head first, into fast boiling water for two minutes. Remove and refresh under cold water to stop the cooking. Cut the lobster lengthwise through the centre, dividing it in two. Remove the grit bag near the head and discard. Remove the soft greyish-green liver and coral and reserve for the sauce. Remove the meat from the shells and cut into chunks. Reserve the shells for serving. Break the claws and remove the meat. Heat the butter in a large frying pan and quickly fry the pieces of lobster flesh until just cooked, but not coloured. Add the coral Warm the whiskey slightly, pour over the lobster and flame it. When the flames have died down, add the cream, mustard, lemon juice and seasoning. Mix with the pan juices and bring to the boil. Remove the lobster meat from the pan and transfer to warm shells. Boil the cream rapidly to reduce slightly and concentrate the flavours. Pour over the lobster meat in the halfClare Connery explores the fishing grounds in her series on Ireland's culinary traditions

Living off the water



Shoals of goodness: have your herrings potted, fried or marinated



MIXED SEAFOOD WITH CHEESE SAUCE

Bia Na Mara le Aniann Calse

Cod is one of the main fish caught off the Irish coast and is widely used in Irish kitchens. It is most frequently baked, dipped in batter and fried, poached or made into cakes, pies and other savoury dishes. In this recipe, strips of cod are combined with prawns and mush-rooms and coated in a cheese sauce. Any other firm-fleshed fish and shelifish can also be used. This makes an excellent savoury dish for either a first or main course. either a first or main course.

iserves 4 as a main course, or 6-8 as 11b/450g cod fillets 2 oz/15g butter

202/50g button mushrooms, chopped and thinly sliced 40g/100g cooked prawns For the cheese say

> 150 oz/450ml milk piece of onion 6 peppercorns blade of mace bay leaf oz/40g butter ا

> > l 'a oz/40g plain flour

salt and freshly milled black peoper

thsp/15ml lemon juice 40z/100g cheddar cheese, grated Begin the preparations for the sauce. Put the milk into a saucepan along with the onion, peppercorns, mace and bay leaf. Bring to the boil, then remove from the

heat and leave to infuse for about 15

minutes. Melt the 202/15g butter and

lightly grease four individual ovenproof

dishes to hold approx 10fl oz/300ml. Remove the skin and any bones from the fish and discard, then cut the fillets into finger-size strips. Divide the fish among the dishes and scatter the mushrooms and prawns on top. Complete the sauce by melting the

butter in a saucepan and stirring in the flour to make a smooth paste. Cook gently for a few minutes, stirring all the time. Strain the infused milk and gradually add to the flour and butter mixture, stirring all the time to prevent lumps from forming. When all the milk has been added, return the saucepan to the heat, season with salt and freshly milled black pepper and cook for a few minutes to thicken the sauce. Add the lemon juice and two-thirds of the cheddar cheese and stir until melted. Pour over the fish and sprinkle with the remaining cheese. Set on a baking tray and bake in an oven pre-heated to 180C/350F, gas mark 4, for 20-25 minutes until golden brown. Serve with wheaten bread and salad.



FRIED HERRINGS IN OATMEAL

Scadain Friedra i Min Choirce

Frying is perhaps the most popular way of cooking fresh herrings, and also one of the Frying is perhaps the most popular way of cooking fresh herrings, and also one of the quickest. There are a variety of ways both to prepare and to fry the herring, but whichever you choose, it must first be gutted and cicaned, the head, tail and fins removed and the body well washed and dried. It can then be left as it is, tossed in seasoned flour or natmeal and fried in bacon fat, butter or oil. Alternatively, it can be split, boned and opened out before frying in the same way. It can also be brushed with mustard and/or dipped in beaten egg before being coared in the flour or natmeal. The natmeal itself can range from fine to coarse, depending on what is available and the finished texture required.

(serves 4) 4 herrings, approx 40z/100g each, prepared I egg, beaten

302/75g medium-fine carmeal, or plain flour salt and freshly milled black pepper bacon fat, butter or oil for frying

Either leave the herrings whole or open them out. Dip each in the beaten egg. then roll it in the seasoned oatmeal or flour. I have found that both the oatmeal and flour stick to the herrings better when they are opened out.

Heat the fat in a large frying pan and

when hot put in the fish. flesh side down so that it cooks first. Reduce the heat and cook until golden brown. This will take about four minutes on each side. Drain on kitchen paper before serving with lemon wedges and mustard sauce. If the herrings are small allow two per person.



BAKED SCALLOPS

Muirini Bacailte Like most shellfish, scallops benefit from being lightly cooked and simply served

(serves !) 2-4 prepared scallops depending on size I scallop sheli

202/15g butter 2-41bsp/30-60ml fine breadenimbs

I clove gartic, finely chopped thsp/15ml parsley, finely chopped salt and freshly milled black pepper

Prepare the scallops by trimming off the muscle, a small pale coloured attachment which pulls off easily. Rinse the scallop quickly under cold running water and drain. Scrub the shells and dry. Butter them with half the butter. Mix the breadcrumbs with the garlie and parsley and sprinkle a thin layer over the shells. about half of the total quantity. If the scallops are large, slice into three diagonally or leave whole and lay in the shells on top of the crumbs. Season with salt and pepper and cover with the remaining crumbs. Cut the rest of the butter into very small pieces and set on top of the crumbs. Put the shell on a baking tray and bake at 200C/400F, gas mark 6, for five to seven minutes until the scallops are cooked and the crumbs are



OYSTERS WITH BACON

Here fresh oysters are wrapped in rushers of bacon, threaded on to small cocktail sticks or skewers, grilled and served with lemon and wheaten hread. Other shellfish such as mussets, scallops and clams can be cooked in the same way and make an excellent first

6-8 dysters 3-4 thin rashers becon

Open the oysters, remove the rind from the bacon, cut each rasher in half across its width, and flatten out. Lay an oyster on each piece of bacon and roll up neatly. Thread on to a skewer, lay on buttered aluminium foil on a grill rack and cook for four to five minutes under a preheated grill until the bacon is beginning to colour and the oysters are lightly cooked. Serve with lemon wedges and wheaten bread.

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NEXT WEEK: The baking tradition

Have saucepans, will cook

shells and serve immediately.

hen I divorced five years ago I had to learn to cook. I imagined my daughters and myself living off frozen foods and the microwave. After a while I discovered the mumbo-jumbo I had been told during my married life about the difficulties of cooking just wasn't true. Now the microwave has been banished. and I've discovered the pleasures of entertaining.

The trick is to keep things simple. I started off very methodically. First, I bought the Readers' Digest cookery book, the big thick one. But the best thing I ever did was get a good set of pans: lovely French stainless steel ones with copper bottoms. Those, I reckon, are half the battle. With a good set of pans, you're laughing.
From simple roasts I gradu-

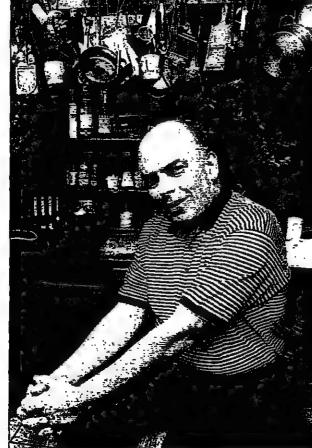
ated to more elaborate dishes. Then I found out about sauces and how important they are. Now I've begun growing herbs in the garden. I don't want to sound like a foodie or anything like that because I'm not, but growing herbs is fun and easy. My latest investment is a gadget to chop them all up with. Very satisfying. I'm learning all the time.

s I put on about 120 A concerts a year, in addition to all the other things I do, entertaining just has to fit in. I don't take it too seriously and never panic. If I'm going to have people round, it's got to be fun.

Starters, then, are always very simple, and for dessert it's usually fresh fruit. On holiday in Sorrento recently i came across a liqueur di limone which, when sprinkled on the fruit, gives a lovely fresh sharpness to the taste. This is now my excuse for going to Italy. I love Italian food and wine - especially the young white wines from the north and the devil-may-care attitude of the people. If I had freedom of choice, I think I'd go and live there.

I usually invite people about a week in advance. For starters I might do melon and Parma ham, or sometimes blinis with smoked salmon or red caviar, sour cream, a dusting of cayenne pepper, a slice of lemon. Blinis are easy - just like Scotch pancakes. I make

ENTERTAINING AT HOME RAYMOND GUBBAY



don't believe in buying things when you can make them. People have got terribly lazy and buy everything off the shelf. I only realised this when I started to cook myself. Now, if I'm having pasta for in-stance, I like to make the sauce

to go with it. I've even invested in my own pasta machine - a handoperated one, not electric although I must say it's very fiddly to get right. You've got to be in a good mood and have some nice music flowing in the background. It's the lightest pasta I've ever tasted. The best.

I don't give big parties because I don't enjoy them. I much prefer to have half a dozen people and just relax. The worst thing is those heavy dinner parties where you start putting the world to rights. I vote every five years, let them get on with it. I like good them myself with buttermilk. I company and good conversation, a bit of classical or operatic music in the background, nothing too loud. I particularly enjoy seeing

people I've known over the years - I've watched their families grow up and they've watched mine. You share common interests. That's very important. Sometimes I ask people from the music business, but always on an informal basis. My wife had this idea that you could never mix people in the business with people outside, that they were chalk and cheese. I've now found they go together rather well, provided you pick the

nersonalities carefully. Most of the time I adapt my recipes from something I've read in the paper or eaten in a restaurant. My favourite restaurants are L'Escargot - you never come away feeling you've eaten too much - and Boyd's in Kensington. I

started going there because, when I first knew him, Boyd Gilmour was a percussion player with a passion for cooking. Then six years ago he opened his restaurant. I've basked in his reflected glory ever since because I've known him from the days when he used to tour with us on our Strauss galas in his van, with all the instruments in the back. I learnt from Boyd how important it is to make things look attractive. I like to glaze my carrots, for example, with butter and a little sugar. I like

to make batons out of cour-

gettes. People feel hungry when they see things served up

in an appetising way and nicely garnished. t is certainly easier giving a dinner party when you're a couple. My daughters sometimes give a hand, but often they're watching the telly. Not that I'm short of help. People wander into the kitchen all the time. Poor old Ray, they say, he's all on his own. Which is why I would never get involved in some

be tempted to say: "Get out, get out", that would be too pretentious for words. Raymond Gubbay's "rather nice" cold pasta dish (similar to a dish be once ate in Boyd's restaurant)

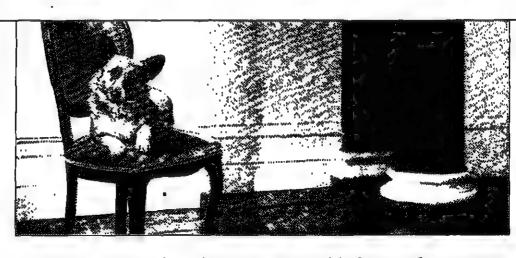
thing so complicated that I'd

(serves 4 as a starter) 2002/500g of bought fresh white 202/50g smoked salmon per

> pine kernels parmesan cheese trickie of walnut oil

Cook the pasta for three min-utes in boiling water with salt and a few drops of olive oil. Drain and cool. Slice salmon into small strips. When the pasta is cold, thoroughly mix a generous amount of smoked salmon into each portion. Put on plates and arrange pine kernels and shavings of fresh parmesan cheese around the edges. Sprinkle grated par-mesan on top. Add a trickle of walnut oil round the edges of each plate and serve chilled.

Interview by Paddy Burt Raymond Gubbay presented the Royal Opera House production of Turandot early this year and last spring celebrated his 1.000th concen promotion at the Barbican. He lives in Hadley, Herts, with his two daughters aged 18 and 22.



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WHERE TO WALK

Journey to the top of England

deally one would walk everywhere in the Lake District if one did not go by boat. With its single-track roads, restricted passing places and shortage of parking spaces, Lakeland is not car-friendly. Nor are car-users friendly to pedestrians, so avoid walking along any metalled road. There is no shortage of books suggesting routes. The Lake District National Park offers 34 easy, circular walks in 12 separate Walks in the Countryside leaflets (£1.99 the set), Cumbria Tourist Office includes a few Lake District routes, including the circuit of Buttermere (3 2 hours), in Short Walks Good for Families (95p). Other lakes good to walk round are Rydal Water (three hours, including visit to Rydal Mount), Derwent Water (leaflet W7b in the

National Park series, 5½ hours), and Grasmere (leaflet W11, two hours).

For me, though, no soft options this time. The walk I have chosen goes to the very top of England, Scafell Pike, and is selected because the blessed A. Wain-wright, doyen of the hill-walkers, consid-ered it "the finest fell-walk in the Lake District". The starting point is the farming hamlet of Seathwaite, the last outpost in Borrowdale and the wettest inhabited place in England, with an average rainfall of 140in a year. Take the path out of Seathwaite to Stockley Bridge. It is safe to venture that far without special footwear or walking equipment, though you are likely to need to use stepping stones for one stream crossing the rough, boulder path.

To do the full walk you should be wearing climbing boots and carrying waterproofs and additional warm clothing.

After crossing the bridge, do not take the popular and much-damaged path to-wards Sty Head, but turn left upstream to climb through the narrow and quiet ravine of Grains Gill, flanked to the left by Glaramara and on the right by Seathwaite Fell. There are several water splashes and at the top the climb is steep and arduous, but at the head of the gill there is easier going on the well-trodden path linking Great Langdale and Wasdale.

Ake a short diversion to the right to enjoy Sprinkling Tarn, a delightful sheet of water cradled beneath the cliff of Great End, but then return to the head of Grains Gill for a short cut to Esk Hause, following the Langdale path until a cairned track branches off on the right. This crosses a stony slope toward Esk Pike, rounding Great End to reach Esk Hause, a grassy saddle above Eskdale.

The path turns right and ascends the grassy hollow of Calf Cove. Another possible diversion here, for the stronglegged with time to spare, is to climb to the little-visited summit of Great End. From the top of Calf Cove the path to Scafell Pike turns left, marked with cairns, at first on grass and then on a wide, stony ridge. There follow 150 yards of closely packed boulders which need to be negotiated with care. Then on gravel and small stones the path bypasses Ill Crag. descends to a col and rises as a rough stairway of boulders

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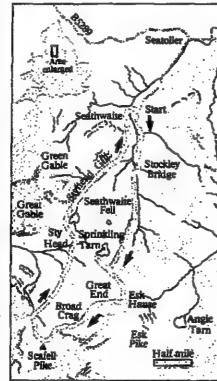
in beauty.

to skirt Broad Crag, before picking an uncomfortable passage through rough rocks up the final slopes to the summit. On a clear day the views are sensational.

For the return, start along a distinct and stony path heading west. Branch right toward Lingmell and descend to Lingmell Col, where a right turn, following the caims, skirts the top of Piers Gill and follows the grassy shelf of the Corridor Route, a surprisingly easy way through remarkably rough terrain. Past the top of Greta Gill the path descends steenly to the Greta Gill the path descends steeply to the foot of Skew Gill, crosses the scree and climbs the grassy slope beyond to turn left

on to the route coming down from Sprinkling Tarn to Sty Head Pass. Take the northerly path from Sty Head to skirt the western shore of Styhead Tarn and to accompany the Styliead Gill down toward Borrowdale. The best route is not over the footbridge taking the path down to Stockley Bridge, but keeping to the west bank of the stream on a track which goes down the stream on a track which goes down the wooded ravine containing the 140ft waterfall, Taylorgill Force. The track hugs the base of the crags, requiring care, before emerging into marshy fields to bring you back into Seathwaite past the campsite and through an arch in the farm buildings. With luck the Seathwaite case may be open for refreshments. The total distance is ten miles and should take seven or eight hours, but start early and consult the local recorded weather forecast for fell conditions on Windermere (05394 45151) to assure yourself of settled weather and good visibility.

• Seathwaite's OS grid reference is NY236122. The route can be followed on Ordnance Survey Touring Map & Guide 3, Lake District or Landranger Sheet 90, Penrith and Keswick.



HOW TO GET THERE

● By road: From the south, leave the M6 at junction 36 and take the A590 and then A591 round Kendal, to enter the national park near Staveley. From the north, leave the motorway at junction 40 and take the A66 towards Keswick, or turn south past Ullswater. If you are going to the west of the Lake District the A66 or A590 will avoid the most congested roads.

By rail: The mainline station for the Lake District is Oxenholme, with connections to Windermere. Avis In Kendal will deliver hire cars to Oxenholme for collection (0539 733582). From Penrith, transfer to the Lakes has to be by road. Carlisle connects with the Cumbria coastal route, useful for the western lakes and the Furness

 Public transport: Routes, timetables and advice for all bus and rail services to and within Cumbria from Travel Link, Cumbria County Council. Citadel Chambers, Carlisle CA3 8SG (0228 812812).

• Further information: Cumbria Tourist Board, Ashleigh, Holly Road, Windermere LA23 2AQ (05394 44414): Lake District National Park Authority, Brockhole, Windermere LA23 1LJ (05394 46601).

BEST OF BRITAIN

LAKE DISTRICT

Lakeland is at its most glorious in autumn, when heather coats the hills and the air is crisp and clear. Robin Young reads poetry in the landscape

o use blaming Wil-liam Wordsworth for the popularity of the Lake District, or bemoaning the fact that 18 million people a year tumble through this jumbled corner of England. On a world scale its lakes and mountains may be no more than a prettily arranged collection of puddles and pim-ples, but this is the English home of the picturesque.

The lakes were popular with tourists decades before Wordsworth saw his first dancing daffodil. By the time the poet started writing his Guide to the Lakes, which appeared in its first version in 1810, there were already 30 accounts of Lakeland tours in print, and volumes of views by leading landscape artists, including Gainsborough, Turner and Constable. The Lake District was, as it remains today, England's alternative to the grand tour of continental

Europe.
In those days the fashion was to admire the views as artistic compositions suitable for the brushes of Claude Lorrain (for tranquillity). Poussin (for immensity) or Salvator Rosa (for horror). They were looked at from appointed vantage points, known as "stations", with the aid of a landscape mirror or "Claude glass", which would enable the tourist to see the view condensed, framed and suffused with a Words worth himself, as a boy, delighted in the view from the "station"

above the ferry house on the west bank of Windermere. Things have not changed. Modern travellers in Lakeland still pursue each other round a circuit of viewpoints, marked nowadays with red sunbursts on the tourist maps, to squint through camera viewfinders at

which are the wonders of this little world. Now is the time to go. The summer throngs have thinned. the mountains are wrapped in a purple dingfilm of flowering heather, autumn mists add mystery and romance to the morning landscapes, and the clarity of cool autumn sunshine unveils views with tantalising

the picture-postcard images

freshness and brilliance. The Lake District is barely 30 miles across in any direction. Whisk past its eastern flank on the M6, or aboard the London to Glasgow InterCity trains, and you would scarcely know it was there at all. Yet once you

venture inside the tangled topography of this crumpled pocket handkerchief at the top left-hand corner of England, you find that the miniaturism of its scale is deceptive. Do not expect to explore it adequately in a single weekend break. It simply cannot be done. A sensible approach is to tackle it one quarter at a time.

The southeastern sector, approached from Kendal, bears the brunt of the tourist crowds. Windermere is the largest lake in England, the first to be reached from the south, and a playground for aqua sports and

Late arrival: William Wordsworth

steamer trips, yet even the summer crowds which throng its shores, gumming up the streets of Bowness, Windermere and Ambleside, cannot hide its beauty.

The viewing stations still abound in the surrounding hills: Wansfell Pike and Jenkin Crag near Ambleside, Queen Adelaide's Hill near Windermere, Biskey Howe and Brant Fell near Bowness, and Latterbarrow above Hawks-head. Best of all, Orrest Head, immediately above Windermere village, commands brilliant views through 360 degrees, and Gummer's How at the south end of the lake gives an un-matched view up Windermere's 1012-mile length to the Lakeland fells beyond.

Much enjoyment is to be had by taking to the water by steamer, or by using the ferry from Bowness to reach the walk on the quieter western shore, from the chain ferry terminal to Wray Castle. The castle (only the grounds are open) is where Beatrix Potter first holidayed in the Lake District.

The creator of Peter Rabbit is almost as big a box-office attraction in Lakeland these days as Wordsworth himself. In high season up to 900 people a day push through Hill Top in Near Sawrey, the farmhouse which Beatrix bought with her Peter Rabbit royalties and used as her studio and study. Her fans, not all of them young, recognise with childish delight Jemima Puddleduck's rhubarb paich. the house porch faithfully re-produced in The Tale of Tom

Kitten, the dresser in The Tale of Samuel Whiskers, the dock from The Tallor of Gloucester, and so on.
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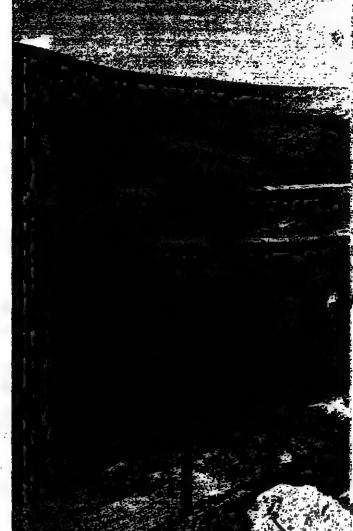
are on show in what were the offices of Beatrix's husband, the solicitor William Heelis, down in Hawkshead, the quaintest, prettiest, and sometimes most overcrowded village in Lakeland. With cars corralled outside, though, it is not impossible to imagine the overhanging houses, squares and cobbled streets as they were when Wordsworth attended the grammar school and carved his name on his desk.

In homage to Wordsworth even larger numbers than those at Hill Top squeeze through Dove Cottage in Grasmere: where the poetdid all his best work living in hugger-mugger bliss with his sister, his wife, up to three children and frequent visits

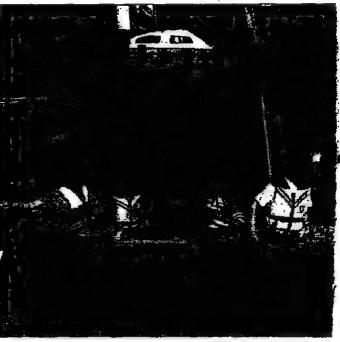
from friends, including Southey, Coleridge, the opium eater Thomas De Quincey who succeeded him as tenant, and Walter Scott. The last is favourite with the guided tours, because he blocked his bedroom door and climbed out of the window to go to the Swan Hotel for a better breakfast than the Wordsworths provided.

Wordsworth lived on into a venerated but poetically unproductive old age at Rydal Mount, overlooking reedy Rydal Water. Up to 100 visitors a day went there while he was alive, and now there are many more. His principal achieve-ment at Rydai, still admirable today, was landscaping the four-acre gardens.

Tarn Hows, between Hawkshead and Coniston, is the most chocolate-boxily beautiful spot, but best avoided during school holidays. By welcome contrast the unspectacular but delightful valleys of Kentmere and Longsleddale Kendal are often of



Perfection of English picturesque: Haweswater is typical of



Ransome revisited: latterday Swallows and Amazons 20 into

missed by all but walkers in the rush to Windermere. With its priory and mini-racecourse Cartmel, just west of genteel Grange-over-Sands down by Morecambe Bay, would be over run if it were in central

Lakeland. The Trout Beck valley, at the beginning of the hill country north of Windermere, is a must for the Holehird and Lakeland Horticultural Society gardens, and for its "statesman" farmhouses, especially Town End, a redolent, rustic time capsule. miraculously preserved and now in the safe keeping of the National Trust.

Further north, the Lake District's northeastern quarter, ap-proached via Penrith, has ! .e ragged question mark of ser-pentine Uliswater for its centrepiece, set among fells of real grandeur and bordered by some of the best walks in Lakeland. Fell walkers head on

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Air Charter (05034 543) flies to the island.

e should really have rolled up in a leisurely fashion for our weekend at Burgh Island, preferably in a vintage cabriolet with Cole Porter swirling around our ears.

I cursed the choked Friday

afternoon motorway, my battered Peugeot and the dreary programme on the radio for bringing down the tone of our arrival as we negotiated the high-hedged Devon lanes de-scending to Bigbury-on-Seal Fortunately, the few hundred metres of sea between the main-

land and the island provide a psychological break, so that by the time we disembarked on the island, the frustrations of the working week and the M5 were receding fast.

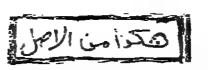
The instructions issued by the

Burgh Island hotel had spoken intriguingly of a "sea tractor" which would speed us across the waves to our weekend destinanion. I presumed this to be a joke until the thing churned towards the bay — truly a Heath-Robinson contraption with out-

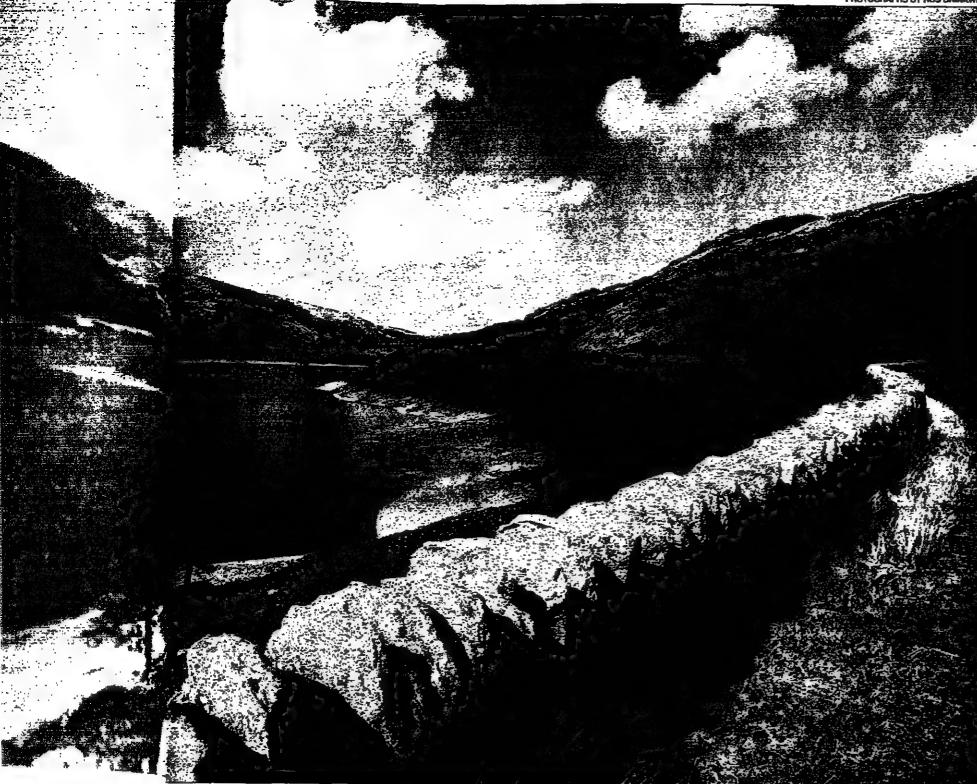
size tractor wheels.

Built in 1929, the hotel was known in its heyday as the "smartest hotel west of the Ritz". and under the management of Tony and Bea Porter, who rescued it from its post-war decline in 1985, it is on the way

to regaining this reputation. The Porters have recreated the hedonistic atmosphere of the art deco years in a style



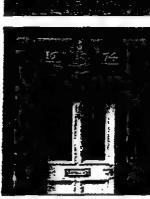




Frical Lakeland scenery that was inspiring artists and writers long before Wordsworth published the first edition of his Guide to the Lakes in 1810









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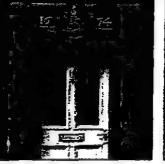
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or yacht service.



Kirkstone Pass, looking out over Brothers Water. Gowbarrow Park; near Aira Force waterfall on the west

shore of Ullswater, is where Wordsworth saw the daffodils. They are still there every spring. Above Glenridding at the southern end of the lake is the narrow ridge of Striding Edge, a heavily trampled way up Helvellyn, which many think the finest of Lakeland's four

3,000-footers. If you think it

looks tough, bear in mind that Wordsworth climbed it when he was 70. (Skiddaw, where Wordsworth and Southey celebrated Waterloo by lighting bonfires, is much easier and

Pause for breath: a Hawkshead hostelry

only 60ft lower).
The northeast's backwaters are the gentle limestone country of the unspoilt Lowther valley. where the showpiece is the ancient and oustandingly attractive village of Askham; and the lonely and largely

empty hills around the northern slopes of Skiddaw and Blencathra, where the picturebook village, hard by John Peel's Caldbeck, is Hesket Newmarket.

The northwest quarter is approached from Cockermouth via Bassenthwaite Lake and Keswick. It has Derwent Water. the "Queen of the Lakes", for classic beauty, and Loweswater, Crummock Water and Buttermere strung along the Vale of Lorton as a complementary necklace of pearls. Packing their artists' easels, all the world attempts the narrow road to the remote moorland hamlet of Watendlath via Ashness Bridge and Surprise View. There are more spectacular

riews among the romantically vooded crags of Borrowdale heading up to the stark Honister Pass, and more intimate charms in two almost secret little valleys. Newlands and St John's in the Vale.

The richest quarter of all is the southwest. Wast Water, beyond Wasdale Head, is the most unforgettable of all the lakes, its southeast side a precipitous scree, with around its head Kirk Fell, Lingmell and Great Gable, the mountains which form the logo of the National Park.

Great Langdale gets more exciting the closer you get to the vehicular dead end imposed by Langdale Pikes and Bow Fell. Little Langdale, branching off at Elterwater, is less spectacular, but charmingly seduces drivers

toward the hair-raising Wrynose and Hardknott Passes. where cars try to climb single track three-in-one gradients in face of others sliding down, like kids on a helter-skeiter.

Once you win your way past the remains of the fort the Romans strategically placed atop Hard Knott, the reward is Eskdale, which the guru of feli-walkers, Alfred Wainwright, called "this perfect Arcadia in the hills". Eskdale, refreshing and delightful, is also serviced by "La'ai Ratty", the Ravenglass and Eskdale miniature railway which helpfully steams seven miles from the west coast of Cumbria up to Dalegarth; but Upper Eskdale, unvisited by road or rail, remains largely

The narrow, winding Duddon Valley (or Dunnerdale), running south from Wrynose Bottom between the Wrynose and Hardknott Passes, inspired 35 Wordsworth sonnets. The best bit is the five miles from Birks Bridge, a beauty spot with a little packhorse bridge, down to Ulpha. That still leaves Coniston.

with the National Trust's beautifully restored Victorian 'steam yacht Gondola to ride in, John Ruskin's marvellously situated home and inspiring mu-seum at Brantwood to visit, and all the Swallows and Amazons trail of Arthur Ransome's children's books to explore. No, we really can't blame Wordsworth. Next week: Orkney

WHERE TO STAY

Home-style hospitality

ianate Victorian mansion with 11 rooms and superb parkland setting, overlooking Derwent Water and Keswick from the slopes of Skiddaw. Dinner, B&B from £75 to £125 a person (07687 75000).

• The Old Church Hotel, Watermillock. Ullswater. Blissful country house on the shores of the lake, three miles south of Pooley Bridge. £45 to £75 a person B&B. £60 to £90 with dinner (07684 86204).

• Leeming House Hotel, Watermillock, Ullswater. Benefiting from major investment by Forte. Forty rooms. Singles from E75 (unrefurbished) to £105 (with balcony), doubles £90 to £135. Leisure breaks £89 a person a night including breakfast and dinner (07684 86622).

 Michaels Nook. Grasmere. 14 rooms in a Victorian cotton magnate's mansion, antique furnishings, homely atmosphere. From £175 double including five-course dinner (05394 35496).

• The Old Vicarage, Witherslack, Grange-over-Sands. Outstanding hospitality in attractive walking country south of Windermere. 14 en-suite rooms. Single from £57, double from £82 (044852-381).

· Eeswyke, near Sawrey. The Georgian house where Beatrix Potter stayed when she first fell in love with Sawrey is now a friendly, family-run hotel with eight rooms. Single £38-£40, twin/double £56-£60 (05394 36393).

• Underscar Manor, Applethwaite. Ital- • Pheasant Inn, Bassenthwaite. Popular. traditional inn in beautiful scenery. No television or phones in the 20 rooms. £47

single, 585 double (07687 76234). • Seatolier House, Seatoller, Borrowdale. Nine-room guesthouse with a house-party atmosphere, hearty dinners and break-

fasts. Singles E32, double/twin £61, including dinner (07687 77218). Lancrigg Vegetarian Country House Hotel, Easedale, Grasmere. 14 double rooms, nine en-suite, in a Westmorland farmstead. From £39.50 a person a night, including dinner (05394 35317).

• Pubs with better than average accommodation: Mortal Man Hotel, Troutbeck (05394 33193); Queen's Head Hotel, Hawkshead (05394 36271); Bridge Hotel. Buttermere (07687 70252).

• Accommodation on working farms: West Lakeland Farm Holidays, group of nine farms, brochure from Mrs Alison Hewitson, High Stanger Farm, Cocker-mouth, CA13 9TS, 0900 823875; South Lakeland Farm and Country Holidays. group of 16 farms, brochure from Mrs Olive Simpson, High Swinklebank Farm, Longsleddale, Kendal, LAS 9BD, 0539 83682 (sae please).

 As well as self-catering holiday cottages, the National Trust offers B&B accommodation: brochure (enclose sae) from National Trust, 36 Queen Anne's Gate, London, SW1H 9AS (071-222 925!).

WHERE TO EAT

◆ Sharrow Bay Country House Hotel, Howtown Road, Ullswater, Lunches (£29) and dinners (£39) of prodigal proportions yet prodigious and unfailing quality. Breakfasts (£14.50 for non-residents) are award-winning standard, and teas a delight. Demi-pension (22 rooms £180 to £280 for two, six apartments from £290 for two) is the minimum term for those wishing to stay. One of the best. No credit cards (07684 86301 or 86483). • Underscar Manor. Applethwaite. Rob-

ert Thornton's skilful cookery puts this relative newcomer among Lakeland's luxury hotels straight into the top bracket. Lunch at £16.50 is something of a loss leader. The six-course "surprise menu" dinner is £25 and well worth trying (07687 75000).

• Porthole Eating House, 3 Ash Street, Bowness-on-Windermere. Most enthusiastic restaurant in Lakeland, Italian-French, about £35 a head (05394 42793).

• White Moss House, Rydal Water, Grasmere. Peter Dixon's five-course set dinners offer choice only of sweets and good English cheeses but are skilfully prepared, £25 (05394 35295).

• The Yew Tree Country Restaurant, Scatolier, Borrowdale. At the foot of Honister Pass. Specialises in Cumbrian dishes such as Lakeland trout, Waberthwaite Cumberland sausage, Herdwick lamb cobbler and sticky toffee pudding. About £21 (07687 77634).

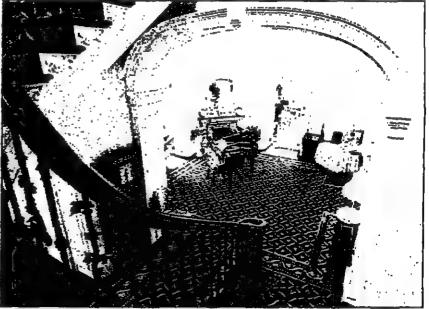
♥ Vegetaring: Quince and Medlar, Cockermouth. First-class, about £15 (0900 823579).

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 Pubs serving particularly good food are the Sun Inn, Bassenthwaite (07687 76439); Britannia Inn, Elterwater (05394 37210); Bridge Hotel, Butter-mere (07687 70252); the Drunken Duck, Barngates (off B5286 outside Hawkshead, 05394 36347).



Top-of-the-range eating: try luxurious Underscar Manor's surprise menu

 What to read: The best modern guidebooks are The Good Guide to the Lakes by Hunter Davies (Forster Da-vies, £3.95) and The Holiday Which? Guide to the Lake District, edited by Tim Locke (Consumers' Associ-ation and Hodder & Stoughton, E9.99). The Illus-trated Wordsworth's Guide to the Lakes, edited by Oute to the Lakes, earned by Select Books, is a good buy.

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III Sheraton

ffing time on the island

gatha Christie plotted murders here, Noël Coward threw parties and Anne McElvoy tangoed the night away

th manages to seem com-ely natural. We scurried up ur room anxious to peel off office uniform, and aged in the required dinner et and cocktail dress for ner. (Men may wear jackets ties instead, but the charm urgh Island is that everyone is their best, and I would ise others not to miss out on dressing up.)

the years leading up to the this was the favoured kend resort of the jeunesse ee. Edward wooed Mrs ipson under the glass dome he paim court, and wanton. ed youth splashed in the k pool or engaged in languid nis on the court. Noël Cow-I once threw parties here. afer years were not kind to

rgh Island. Damaged in a mbing raid, the building was ly partially restored after-rds and gradually fell into a ry state, limping along as a i-catering hotel. The Porters, art deco collec-

s, heard that it was for sale. ed down to Devon and ught it within three weeks reby, as Tony Porter says, reaking every rule of financial amon sense I have ever and of in my life". They sold



their London home, their Daimler and yachi to secure the island and embarked on restoring it with their own hands.

Little wonder that the result

conveys such attention to detail. from pearl handles on the doors to the glass-fronted cocktail bar and maple cocktail cabinet in the Palm Court. Here the ceiling fans whirr discreetly, a crooner bemoans the change in his love life from major to minor, and the white-jacketed barman approaches with trays of stiff cocktails and canapés.

The hotel's best known alumnus is Agatha Christie, who wrote Ten Little Niegers, subsequently renamed Then There Were None, here, and used the island's layout with its coves, crags and sheer cliffs as the setting for Evil Under the Sun. Armed against intrusion with the pseudonym Mrs Mallowan, she would sit in the Palm Court watching her fellow guests for ideas as to who might murder whom given the time, the place

With or without homicide in mind, this is a splendid place for people-watching. I am not usually prone to scrutinising my fellow guests in anything more than a cursory way, but dinner jackets and cocktail dresses increase the sex-appeal of even the dullest, and surrounded us all with an aura of fascination.

So while the more diligent seized binoculars and headed out on to the cliff at sunset to trace the wheeling cormorants. I indulged in human-watching instead. There was a beautiful, strained-looking brunette in the corner being fussed over by her fiance, and a vivacious blonde in turquoise silk being kissed with a mixture of furtiveness and triumph which suggested that she may well be married to someone else during the week.

The lady of a certain age and uncertain embonpoint on my left wore strapless black lace kept up by sheer determination and the flexing of her considerable shoulder muscles.

Dinner was delicious, if a little rich, and the wine-list excellent. In the corner behind an outsized microphone stood a reallife crooner murmuring "I get along without you very well, of course I do . . . "Later there was

dancing - charlestons, tangos and dreamy smoothes. The energy of the endeavour was in inverse proportion to the age of the participants, and we could only appland a little shamefacedly the footwork of an American couple in their seventies. By the end of the night, not a single table had resisted the dance. I do not think I have ever seen British hotel guests enjoy themselves so openly. The next day we lunched on

salads and beer at the 14thcentury Pilchard Inn., and investigated the nooks and crannies of the island.

It seems to me an important test of a British weekend away that it should not frustrate too much if the skies open. In fact 1 was quite pleased when it did rain - a good excuse to curl up with a book of Devon ghost stories and a cream tea in the reading room.

The Porters have created the kind of hotel you dream of owning yourself. The plentiful staff are courteous but never intrusive, and provide all the little extras the huxury-starved heart could desire.

On Sunday afternoon we heaved ourselves regretfully out of our basket chairs and summoned the sea-tractor. "Back to civilisation today then?" asked a fellow guest. On the contrary. It was all just too, too spiffing.
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SOPHIE CHAMIER

Colouring old memories

The traditional view of tapestry is fading fast, Belle Grey writes. A close look at original designs shows that the effect of aging has been hiding the artists' bright intentions

tion of textiles lies in the way their colours fade becomingly with age to create new and unpredictable shades and combinations, In needlework, where different skeins of wool or silk will sometimes fade unevenly, the effects of time can be especially subtle and lovely, giving hand-worked chair seats or cushions a soft and gentle patina that

proves impossible to emulate. Anyone wanting to reproduce old needlepoint designs — and it is an increasingly popular pastime — runs the risk of shocking the admirers of surviving examples. On close examination, the original works often reveal an unrestrained brightness and fresh juxtaposition of colour unwelcome to those used to the softening effects of age.

This was the challenge that faced Melinda Coss, a successful designer of knitting kits, when she embarked on Bloomsbury Needlepoint, to be published on Thursday (Ebury Press, £19.99). The book's photographs show clearly how much the dyes on the original furnishings have faded over the past 60 or 70 years. Instead of variations of grey, dove, fawn and lavender, the 12 detailed colour charts for tapestry-work cushions, chair seats, stool covers, a rug. mirror frame, desk blotter and even a speciacle case reveal surprises of blue, yellow, pink and purple.

Many of the now faded originals, designed by the painters Vanessa Bell and Duncan Grant, remain at Charleston, the Sussex farmhouse which was their home from 1916 until they died. There they form

part of a unique interior in which walls, doors, tiled hearths, tables, bed heads, lampshades, pottery and textiles were all painted, decorated or designed by the artists. their family and friends.

Bell loved fabrics. She designed

printed furnishing fabrics as well as tapestries, many of which she worked herself, and also hoarded scraps of material bought on her

scraps of material odugit on her travels in France or Italy.

She also loved Charleston, where she could throw off convention and be free to paint, watch her children grow and offer generous hospitality to her family, lovers and friends. The success of Charleston, and of the success of Charleston, and of other schemes for interior decoration that she and Grant carried out in the London flats of family and friends, lies in a combination of exuberance and ease. There is an apparent casualness about their designs that invites comfort and familiarity, creating a mood rather than setting a style.

Virtually all their collaborative

decorative work from the 1920s and 30s contains the same favourite motifs and patterns — especially the borders of roundels and calligraphic half-circles which appear on tiles, vases, tables and tapestries. Vases of stylised flowers with dis-tinctively disposed leaves, bunches of grapes, fish, flamboyant loops and arabesques are set against abstract blocks of colour. Their designs seldom took specific media into account indeed, the design for the abstract-patterned cushion in the Garden Room at Charleston, featured in Bloomsbury Needlepoint, also turns up as a carpet in the "Music Room" they exhibited



The rich life of tapestry: the Garden Room at Charleston, and (left) Vanessa Bell's shell cushion, 1925

the Lefevre Gallery in 1932. Their cross-stich designs, many of which were shown in 1925 at an exhibition of Modern Designs in Needlework at the Independent Gallery in London, combine the often strong "jazz" colours fashionable at the time with the sophistication of painters who had derived their sense of the exotic from

Matisse and the Ballet Russe. The apparent casualness of their decorative work should not be taken lightly. Bell and Grant were among the leaders of British Post-Impressionism, and Bell's work in particular showed a profound sensitivity to colour. The Charleston Trust, which, following Grant's death in 1978, saved, restored and now administers Charleston, was right to insist that Melinda Coss

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reproduce the authentic colours, taking unfaded yarns from the back of designs and matching them in daylight. "I literally counted the stitches on every piece," she says. "I feel it would be offensive not to keep to the artists original

Nevertheless, compared to the graded shading of Victorian cab-bage roses or the detail of some contemporary kits, these designs

are easy and pleasant to work. As a young man, Grant used to copy works by the early Italian masters. There is, he wrote, "a great deal to be learnt from this practice. The real idea behind copying is to induce one to look at a picture for a long time. Even if you're a painter and deeply interested, it is difficult

easier if one is doing something. Perhaps the real pleasure behind such authentic kits is that the finished cushion can be a genuine work of collaboration between ourselves and the artist who first

 Kits for all the projects in the book containing yarns, canvas and colou-chart (printed canvases are available case), are on sale in the shop at Charleston or by mail order from Melinda Coss, Tyr Waun Back, Guernogie, Dyfed, West Wales SA32 TRY (0267 202386). Prices range from

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then it comes to making something to be handed V down through the gener-ations, hand-stitched items not only look beautiful but also become intimately associated with impor-tant family moments and priceless repositories of memories. If you decide to create an heirloom, it is best to choose something simple to make but which looks ageless and beautiful when it is finished, such as the Victorian-in-

spired bedspreads de-signed and sold readymade, or ready to make, by Annie Cole.

These antique-looking knitted bed covers look full of heavy lace and intricate detail, but in practice, although they take a great deal of time, they demand only basic knitting skills.

Inspired by one her sunt had knitted during the first world war, Mrs Cole set about researching designs at the V&A museum for her collection, which numbers 11 items. "I had to copy the patterns by hand, she says, "and had no idea how they would look when finished."

Mrs Cole's kits, with fine cotton yarn from a Manchester mill, range from patterns for a traditional raised leaf design to a "anow-drop" baby's pram or cot cover, and cost from £63.65. The ready-made bedcovers cost from £200.

Elizabeth Bradley is a needle-work designer who, like Mrs Cole, draws on Victorian patterns for her inspiration. A former antique dealer and collector, she started producing kits of designs of dogs and cats based on 19th-century styles.

The kits, which now include contemporary designs of flowers from botanical gardens and the four seasons, include everything necessary to make up single panels measuring 16in square which can produce cushions, pictures and bell pulls. They cost from 646, and are available from Liberty, Harrods, John Lewis or direct from Elizabeth

Bradley. The National Trust, too, in its

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A stitch in time: cot cover by Annie Cole

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Francesca Greenoak introduces formal and magical French gardens invitingly close to the Channel ports



Bower power: the beautiful grounds at Parc du Canon, southeast of Caen, include a series of walled gardens known as les Chartreuses, a maze and a small temple

rench guidebooks such as Michelin are superb if you want details of landscape architecture, ruins or gaileries, but they are short on garden information. So here are a few interesting gardens open to British visitors within a short journey of the

Channel ports.

France is best known for vast. classical, formal gardens, so it is exciting to discover new garden ideas in a little enclave south of Le Havre. Around the 18th-century château at Vendeuvre (27km SE of Caen) there is a formal garden and lake, but the Count de Vendeuvre, a collector and dealer in antiques, is creating a remarkable new water garden. Taking inspiration from Britain's Chatsworth and other international models, he has made a magical garden with lakes, streams and rare plants, and a musical bridge and summerhouse which are also fountains (open

weekends until November 1). The great château at Thury-Harcourt (26km S of Caen) was destroyed in 1944. Around the ruin, the Duc d'Harcourt has made an unusual and beautiful garden

Channel-hop choice

and park, with woodland walks to the river Orne, banks and meadows, and a cliff of geraniums and bugle below which lies a huge lawn, formally patterned in colourful, narrow herbaceous borders (open daily, 2.30-6.30pm).

BEST BUYS

THIS is the time of the Michaelmas daisy. The hybrid known as Aster x frikarii "Mönch" is agreed to be one of the finest asters ever raised. It is an extremely healthy perennial (growing to 3ft/90cm) and its lavender-blue flowers are long lasting. It is not blighted by the mildew, which spoils many asters. Plant it in a sunny site with Japanese anemones or sedums. Look out, too, for the smaller (20in/50cm) aster "Flora's Delight", which makes a dense bush with lilac-coloured flowers.

The gardens of the Parc du Canon (20km SE of Caen) consist of a semi-formal maze in the outline of an urn, a waterside woodland walk which winds above an avenue bounded by a brilliant red-

temple. Most inviting is a series of walled gardens known as les Chart-reuses, brimming with bulbs, herbaceous plants, roses, climbers and annuals (open daily, except Wed, 2-7pm until the end of this month). There are two celebrated gardens WEEKEND TIPS

Plant prepared hyacinths in pots for Christmas flowering.

Pick up and compost rotting fruit windfalls. ● Plant daffodils now; leave tulips and outdoor hyacinths until

October/November. Clear out and clean greenhouses and well-lit sheds before over-wintering plants.

■ Bring cyclamen gradually into flowering condition by watering and feeding: do not

a short distance west of Dieppe. The borders and courtyards at Les Mounters are beginning to look autumnal, but the woodland and marshy valley, planted with ma-ples, hollies and hydrangeas, are best at this season (5km W of Dieppe, open daily until November 15, 10am-noon, 2-6pm). The immaculately kept woodland gardens of Le Vasterival are remarkable for their clever planting and colour sense (telephone 010 33 35 85 12

05 to join a guided walk).

A walled garden with mixed borders is the jewel of the Château of Miromesnii (8km S of Dieppe, open daily except Wed until October 15, 2-6pm). From Calais or Dunkerque go to

the Dunkerque Musée d'Art Contemporain, where a garden of seaside shrubs and sculptures is landscaped over gun emplace-ments of the second world war. The Parc Coquelle, at Rosendael, east of Dunkerque, is a turn-of-the-century garden under municipal care (both open daily during daylight hours).
Just south of Lille, see the Botanic Gardens in the Rochin district (open daily 9am-6pm).

MY PERFECT WEEKEND

JOANNA LUMLEY

Actress

Where would you go? To the Auvergne. Who would be your perfect

My husband, Stephen Barlow, and my son, Jamie. How would you get there? By ferry to Cherbourg and then

drive on in my husband's open Grinnall TRS. Where would you stay? In a tiny guesthouse called Baraque d'Aubiat, near Ardessur-Couze, where we've been once before. Run by Monsieur

and Madame Jarry, it is a peaceful place to escape to; in the middle of nowhere, overlooking mountainous countryside. It used to be a derelict farmhouse: the barn is now a dining-room and there are six bedrooms. What essential piece of clothing

or kit would you take? Walking shoes and a compass in a lightweight rucksack. What, if any, medicines would

accompany you? Vaseline, which is good for shoes

What would you have to eat? I would have to persuade Mme Jarry, who does the cooking, that not all vegetarians are wimps. There are excellent local cheeses, and I'd eat fruit by the ton.

What would you have to drink? Water in the daytime and local wine at night What would you take to read?

Anthony Powell, Anthony Trollope, Best of Myles na Gopaleen, by Flann O'Brien, Shakespeare and the Goddess of Complete Being, by Ted Hughes, and books on flowers and birds. What music would you listen to? None, it's completely silent there.

What would you watch on television? There isn't one.

Would you play any games? We'd play Scrabble and cards in the guesthouse bar after dinner. There are no fruit machines or juke boxes; nothing but the locals having a quiet drink at the end of the day. What koury would you take?

Field glasses to watch the hawks. What piece of art would you like to have there? A small Tibetan Buddha. My

grandfather was one of the first Europeans to go into Tibet after it was opened up. He was there



in the 1930s with my grandmother and my auni. Although 1 have never been there. I grew up with Tibetan things around me. I'd like to have the Buddha to remind me of the crisis in Tibet. A gentle and wise country, it is undergoing such appalling rape. pillage, torture and God knows what sort of ethnic cleansing, while the rest of the world thinks it's none of their business

Who would be your least welcome guest? A.N. Wilson.

What three things would you leave behind?

Make-up; guilt - piles of stuff come through my letter box and l wake up every day feeling guilty about unanswered letters: and plans - rather than have a set itinerary I'd like to act on the spur of the moment.

What three things would you most like to do?

Photograph a golden eagle; be mistaken for a Frenchwoman; and find a little Toulouse-Lautree drawing in a junk shop and buy it for a few francs.

To whom would you send a postcard? My parents, sister and causin.

What souvenir would you bring home? Gaperon cheese and Crême de Myrtille, a liqueur made locally from bilberries.

What would you like to find when you got home? A letter of apology from

A.N. Wilson explaining why he's always so ghastly about me.

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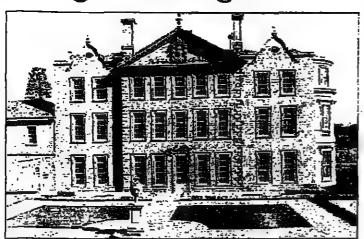
Northwick Park Gloucestershire

orthwick Park in Gloucestershire dates from 1686, and is the former home of Winston Churchill's cousin, the late Captain Edward Spencer Churchill. Alterations carried out in the 1730s, by the architect Lord Burlington, to the east façade and entrance hall brought the house international

Today, although it is divided into six apartments, few of the grand rooms have been cut about and all the skirtings and cornices run around well-proportioned rooms. One apartment remains unsold at £175,000.

The sensitive restoration of the listed Grade 1 mansion won its developers, Clarendon Properties, a conservation award from the NHBC last year. The stables, orangery and other outbuildings, including a dovecote and granary, have also been converted by Claren-

Rebuilding an age of elegance



Finely quartered: one apartment remains unsold at £175.000

don Properties and now a carefully planned, hamlet-style development around the 18th-century kitchengarden is being marketed.

wards the formal garden designed by William Emes in the 1730s, and Two houses have already been built in local Cotswold stone. Each the croquet lawn surrounded by has three bedrooms, two bathbox and pleached hornbeam. Four tennis courts and an outdoor pool rooms and a conservatory and is

are included in the 35-acre

The newest houses, designed by Moreton-in-Marsh architects Wallace & Hoblyn, have two or four bedrooms and two bathrooms, and range in price from £140,000 to £250,000. Since they are being sold off-plan, purchasers can work with the architect on reorganising the interior to create more smaller bedrooms, or fewer larger ones. and to specify the bathroom and kitchen units and equipment. They can also choose internal doors, wall and floor coverings and the treatment of ceilings, specifying the cornices and type of coving.

According to Hugh Dixon. Clarendon's managing director, building will take about six months, with great care taken to ensure the new work harmonises with the neighbouring architecture. Properties like Northwick Park will never be built again to the same scale and style, so it's important to restore what we've got," he says. The mansion's orangery was

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Old properties east of Avignon are sought after by second-home buyers and are becoming harder to find. Prices slip north of Avignon, where you can still find a village house to convert for about £30,000. A renovated house, with two or three bedrooms, vanited cellars and a roof terrace but no garden, costs from £50,000.

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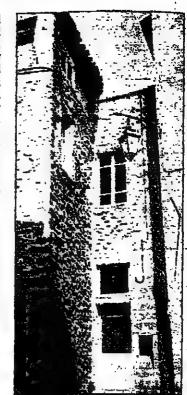
and areades of ochre-coloured houses, is one of the prettiest and most expensive towns in Provence. Others basking in renovated glory include Lacoste, Menerbes and Bonnieux. A small, modern villa in Provencal style with beams and an open fireplace, or an old village house with a tiny countyard, cost

from £60,000 here. Prices are higher in the countryside, where properties are larger. An unconverted mas - the typical Provencal farmhouse - costs about £80,000. Fully renovated, with four bedrooms and a swimming-pool, it would cost at least £200,000.

On the south side of the Lubéron On the south side of the Luberon hills, between Aix-en-Provence and Avignon, the four-bedroom 17th-century house pictured right, in the old clifftop village of Lauris, is for sale at £58,000. The UK agent is Provence Property. The Old Alehouse, Stedham, Midhurst, West Sussey (0730.816044) Sussex (0730 816044).

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Betrayed by a faithless beast who once licked my boots

THIS week I have been wandering the farm humming the old Beatles song, "Can't Buy Me Love". It has been proved cruelly true.

Things have finally come to a head after two long years of struggling with cattle. Either, I said, I am going to have to find a cow with whom I can develop a relationship, or give up the whole idea of keeping cause on this farm. With the cart horses, pigs and sheep I sense clearly that not only am I happy to keep them, they are content to be farmed by me. So why do the cattle always hate me so?

You will be only too well aware of my patchy career as a stockman. and may recall past moments of horror. These have ranged from the message left on my telephone saying, "Your cows have been in our swimming pool", to the great escape of the calf Ronnie Biggs. and the demise of one particular cow so unstable that my neighbour,

FARMER'S DIARY: PAUL HEINEY

on first seeing her, took one look at her rolling eyes and asked whether she also breathed fire. And he is a cowman by profession. My cattle career had

reached its crossroads. I had to do something. Then, strangely, I was given a sign. My wife had been talking to a cattle breeder who had sung the praises of one particular breed, and at the very same time as she was telling me this my eye fell on an advertisement for the same breed. It boasted: "Easy calving, docile, good natured." I decided that the British White, reputed to be the oldest breed of cattle in Britain, was the breed for me. It

also has the advantage of being as

white as a sheet, with the exception

of the ears, nose and teats, which

are velvety black. I have always had red cows, but as I am colour-blind I have suffered many heart-stopping moments when glancing across the meadow and finding the cows have disappeared. They turn out to be standing against a green hedge. So the lighthouse

promising.
This time, I approached my cattle-buying in a hardly commer-cial frame of mind. I was not interested in carcass weights, feed conversion ratios, pedigrees or championship: I wanted a cow that liked me, and I was prepared to pay for it. If it took money to buy me love, so be it.

effect of a white cow seemed

I viewed a magnificent herd of British White cattle not far away.



Simon Barnes packs his cleft sticks and prepares for two months' reporting from the teeming magnificence of the Zambian bush

Drifting through them like a balloonist crossing the snowy Alps. I gasped at the glacial might of the bull, Alfred, and made overtures to every cow in turn. "This one is in calf to the champion ... " the

sellers would boast, but I was not interested. "Is it friendly?" I asked. If they were not sure we passed on. Cow after cow failed the affection test, until one, a looming iceberg of an animal called Sage, detached

herself from the herd and ambled in our direction. A cow that heads towards me voluntarily is the sort of cow for me. I asked for more details. She was an experienced mother, having given four good calves; yes, she was very friendly. and no. she was not for sale as she was due to calve in October.

I looked her in the eyes, even reached out to stroke the sooty blackness of her nose. Sage did not flinch, but bowed her head respectfully and licked my boots. I put my arms around her neck as a final test, and declared her to be the cow for me. I paid a good price to compensate for disrupting the farmer's breeding routine. Money, I thought, had bought me love.

She arrived last week and soon settled with the small herd; only the sheep took some time to adjust, having never seen a white cow before. As she walked towards the flock, they stood transfixed by her radiance, as if a Messiah had come among them. Visitors to the farm stroked her and had their houts licked, and I thought my cowkeeping troubles were over.

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But last night, with a strong wind blowing. I strolled up to see her. She saw me approach but did not make towards me as she had on our first date. I inched closer and she looked round, plotting an escape mute as easies do when cornered. I coold her name, and she swished her tail. I called to her softly, and her eyes merely widened. Then she fled, "You faithless cow," I cried like a sugar-daddy betrayed. "You two-timer! Do you know how much I paid for you're

My heart was broken; we were back to the bad old days of shouting at cows. Money can't buy you love. But was it the wind that spooked her, or was she deceiving me all along? I shall go again tomorrow and report.

Danbury horse trials: Novice, intermediate and open intermediate, plus access to stately home.
Upton House, Banbury. Oxfordshire (0295 89465). Tues, 9am. £5 per car. Deeside trials: Pre-novice, novice and open intermediate triais. Finzean Estate, Aboyne, Abendeenshire, (03398 85332). Today, 10am.

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☐ Durham leek show: Prize leeks, vegetables and flower show. Auction of exhibits. Beamish Open Air Museum, Durham (0207 231811). Today and Gomersal craft day: Dem-

onstrations of woodcarving, quilting, chair caning, lacemaking and saddlery, Red House, Oxford Road, Gomersal, Yorks (0274 872165). Тотогом, пооп-4 рт. Гове. ☐ Harrogate flower shows

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Stafford (0543 480368). Tomorrow, 9.30am. E3. ☐ Stamford borse trials Burghley Remy Martin international event. Other attractions include the Everest showjumping championships, Pony Chub and dog

displays.

Burghley House,

Stamford, Lines (0780) 52451). Today, £20 per car, tomorrow, £10 per car. ☐ Suffolk croquet: Final of the East Anglia tournament. Ickworth Park, 4pm. £1.50.

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D) West Midlands garden show: International Garden and Leisure Exhibition, with displays and sales. Centre, Birmingham (02)-780 4133). Tomorroi Tues, 9am-6pm. Free.

> Gardens to visit

Dorset: Sticky Wicket, at Buckland Newton sports fragrant conage plants. It also has unusual and variegated plants, colour-themed planting, pond and marsh planting, and flowerheads for dried arrangements. from Dorchester and Sherborne: 2m E of A352, or take B3 143 from Sturminster Newton. брт. Alsv open Thursdays, 10.30am-6pm. £1, child 50p.

☐ Galloway: Logan Botanic Garden is a fine, exotic place with tree ferns and palms and unusual plants from the southern hemisphere in walled gurdens. There are

Port Logan, on B7065. 14m S of Strantaer. Open duily to Oct 31, 10am-6pm. £1.50. child 50p.

Call of the wild lures

bird man

he fish eagle will be my alarm clock. The leopard will provide my nightlife. The dust of the Luangwa valley will be the floor of my office and my bedroom; the Luangwa river will be my television, and, unless I am very careful, the hyena will steal my soap, running away laughing and foaming at the mouth.

in short, I am preparing for a sabbatical; a risky, not to say crazy idea for a self-employed person, but when you suffer from bush fever, you have little choice in these matters. From now until November.

when, God willing, the rains will come, I shall be in the Luangwa valley in Zambia, which is one of the finest places on earth I shall be deep in the bush, where the only luxury is a gas-powered fridge to keep the Mosi cold - this being Mosi Oa Tunya beer, words which mean the smoke that thunders, and refer to the Victoria Falls rather than anything the beer does. I shall be with Bob Stjern-

stedt of Savannah Trails, a naturalist, game guide and old friend, and I shall send Feather Reports back to The Times every week if I run out of cleft sticks, I shall have some new ones specially doven. My preparations are almost

complete. I have gathered together everything the bushfevered soul could require . . . Boots: possibly the most important item, because walk-

ing in the Luangwa bush is the one of life's great experiences. (You need the company of a

vehicle you are a neutral presence; the animals mostly ignore you. But on foot, they relate to you, as a fellow mammal; as a potential threat. In a vehicle, you are involved; on foot, you are committed. The difference between these states was explained by Martina Navratilova, talking about how committed she was to tennis: "Take ham and eggs: the chicken is involved, the pig is committed."

Hat so many situations in itie depend on getting the hat right. My bush hat is wide-brimmed and has been suit-ably distressed (it would never do to wear a new one). It shows signs of vigorous use as a tsetse fly swat, and it bears a feather discarded by a lilac-breasted roller, not only one of the world's most beautiful birds, but one of the very few to perform the loop-the-loop. Clothes: nothing white:

white is a danger signal. Many beasts have conspicuous white rumps: a flash of white means, "I am running away, you do the same".

Swiss army penknife: the prime use for this is, of course, deaving sticks, but it has a crucial secondary use: opening bottles of Mosi Oa Tunya. I have sat with a sundowning beer with my paws dangling over the banks of the Luangwa, watching a lioness dangling her paws over the banks a remarkably short distance away. Such moments add a certain zing to the beer. Books: these will include Roberts' Birds of Southern cool dude with a rifle, of Africa, one of the world's great



Bush man: Simon Barnes checks his equipment. His guide books include one on how to deal with dangerous animals: "climb a tree", it advises

field guides. It describes 887 birds, including the monstrous bateleur eagle, arguably the bird of Luangwa. It's name means tightrope walker: the bateleur balances on the thermals, wings flung wide.

I will also take a guide book to paws and droppings; crucial concepts in the bush. A good man in the bush can read a patch of dust as if it were yesterday's newspaper: elephant passed here yesterday,

hippo came by last night, lion went through within the hour. This book also has a section on how to deal with attacks by different animals: "Try to climb a tree ... crocodiles are notorious for killing hu-

mans...your only hope is to stab it in the eyes with a knife, of even your fingers." Torch: essential, but not for nocturnal rambles in the bush;

these are inadvisable. Camera: none. I shall take

only my binoculars: 500 quid's-worth of optical perfection. The best film is within your own skull. I will certainly see plenty of dramatic sights, but there is more to it than photo opportunities. The bush is the most colossal, teeming place in the world: the world's largest land animals swarm here, the most ferocious carnivores, the flectest runners, the most extraordinary birds.

But it is not the sights of

place. The first time in the bush, you get overcome with all the trip-of-a-lifetime stuff: I must see lion, a leopard, an elephant. But after that comes a kind of freedom: it is enough to know that such marvellous creatures are about. Every environment -

great drama that take me back

to the bush, it is the prospect of

day-to-day familiarity with the

suburban garden, the patch of British Rail scrub outside my

back gate - resounds with all the great questions of life: birth and copulation and death. The questions themselves are not subtle, but the answers

are of a subdety that is so staggering that a lifetime is scarcely enough to scratch the surface. I have two months to study some of the answers put forwards by the beasts and the birds of the Luangwa valley. I am packed and ready for the

Lives in the balance

hen we talk about conservation we are not always, or even often, talking about the conservation of primeval wilderness. There is not much of that stuff about this country has been shaped by the hand of man for thousands of years. We no longer live in a land

covered in virgin forest. British bears, wolves and wild boars have become extinct. The countryside has been fashioned to suit the needs and the greeds of man. The main use of land is, obviously, agricul-ture: 76 per cent of our countryside is farmland. As people change the nature

of the land, so the nature of the animals and birds changes. Thus there is now a population of birds and animals that depends for its existence on the way the land is managed by man: a population that depends on farmers for its living There are as many as 130 species of bird that rely on farmland: of these, we need to be worried about an alarming total of 40 species.

Since the last world war, agriculture, fuelled by subsidies, has grown more intensive every year: pesticides, herbicides and fertilisers have been the preferred methods of operation, and over-production has become a way of life. The very success of the farming industry has brought us close to disaster.

So far, so gloomy and doomy. Now for what is, potentially, very good news. Last May the European Community agreed to reform the Common Agricultural Policy. Conservation must now be at the heart of farming policy and practice. So hearty hurrals here. The theory is splendid. Now for the practicalities. By

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Feather report



Hunter in danger: barn owi

submit its plans for what could and should be the reshaping of the British countryside. The countryside stands poised between recovery and ruin," said Barbara Young, chief executive of the RSPB, at this week's launch of the society's "Campaign for the Countryside".

She added: "Recent policy changes have raised our expectations, but the government now has a fixed deadline for action and must lay the foundations for lasting reform. If it does not show its commitment, then the pressure from modern agriculture, neglect and creeping urbanisation will destroy all that is best in our

countryside." Wildlife cannot be ghettoised into a nature reserve. Reserves have their places, but wild creatures are part of the fabric of the land. A healthy June 1993 this country must countryside is the only hope

for many species of animal: among these, homo sapiens. Another species in this category is the barn owl. There are many good-hearted, half-cock re-release schemes for barn owls: the real problem is that much of the rough grazing land over which they used to hunt has been turned to EC already has a surplus.

Other common birds affected include the lapwing, cirl bunting, greylag goose, teal and shoveler, curlew, chough, nightjar, golden eagle.

The need, then, is to return to a more environment-friendly emphasis. Goodbye agribiz, hallo again farming. The RSPB is campaigning for the replace-ment of lost meadows and heathlands, the protection of existing sites of wildlife importance, and the creation of new ones. Its target is one million hectares of surplus farmland to be managed for wildlife by the year 2000.

This can be brought about by a complicated system of subsidies. The countryside does not belong to the farming industry: it belongs to everybody. We must pay for that privilege and reap the benefits, too.

This is a great opportunity for government, for agriculture, for conservation: a chance for all three to work together. All our lives would be the better for that

● What's about Birders — gatherings of swallows and house martins preparing for migration. ortolaa bunting at Shortwich,
 Ciwyd: pectoral sandpiper at

Heap of the week: The Castle, Beckington, Somerset

Stalemate in Castle moves

IF IT were in good repair, The Castle at Beckington. Somerset, would be a candidate for any book on the perfect smaller English country house. It stands beside a quiet lane towards the edge of a pleasant village three miles north of Frome, partly scaffolded and covered by temporary roofing.

Hope rises at the sight of a painted hoarding announc-ing that Mendip district council is "working with SEA Property to repair The Castle under its buildings at risk programme", but sinks as it becomes clear that the sign is at least two years old and nothing has happened.

Looking past the forlowly beautiful entrance front, the

surprise is to see a neat. flower-edged drive leading across the garden behind to a series of smart office cabins. When Systems and Engineering Assessment, a firm of consultants, acquired The Castle, it had permission to erect 4.000 square feet of temporary offices for use while it repaired the Grade

II* listed building. Mendip council had served an emergency repairs notice on the previous owners, erecting scaffolding and inserting acroprops to prevent ceilings being brought down by rain cascading through the centre of the house. Dry rot has been checked and the building is in a stable, if rather vulnera-

The temporary office per-

and SEA has submitted an application for enabling development to finance restoration, coupled with change of use of The Castle to offices.

Ian Dale-Staples, the managing director of SEA. says: "A meticulous restoration of The Castle to English Heritage's specifications would cost £850,000 and, even with an EH grant of £200,000, would require enabling development of 20-25,000sq ft of offices in the one-and-ahalf acres of castle grounds. A more economical job, involving less restoration inside, would cost half that figure and require only 10-12,000sq ft of new offices, about three times our present temporary accommodation.

There is considerable objection in the village to these plans, and the council has received a number of enquiries from people who would like to restore The Castle as a house, in architectural terms likely to be the most sympathetic solution.

The council has also learnt, through bitter experience at nearby Orchardleigh House, that jacking up the price through granting enabling permissions can take the property out of the realm of those who might be able to save it.

Remarkably little is known about the history of The Castle. With its small mullioned windows it looks, at a glance, 16th-century, but is considered to be early 17th



Forlorn outlook: The Castle may be turned into offices

century; a date of 1680 is also mentioned. This is stone building country, where tradition often weighed more strongly than new fashions, Why it is called a castle is unclear, though the foursquare plan has echoes of a keep and the staircase beside the porch is in the form of a

Extensively altered in the 18th century. The Castle was restored in the "old English" style of the 1890s. After the second world war it housed the Ravenscroft boys' prep school until 1970, and internally bears the inevitable marks of institutional use. Subsequently, it was

bought and sold by a series of developers with an assortment of schemes that came to

SEA, the freeholder, says: "It could be for sale."

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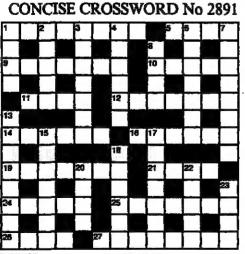
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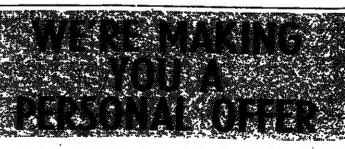
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9.15 Start Your Own Religion: DIY Religion. Dr Colin Morris talks about starting a religion from scratch (s) (6439400)
9.30 This is the Day. Graham Young visits Lee Abbey, Devon (s) (31684)

BBC1

10.00 Sign Extra. How British consumers may unwittingly be helping to destroy the Brazilian rain forest. With subtitles (r) (64597) Control of the second 10.30 Film: The Five Pennies (1957). Danny Kaye stars as the come player Red Nichols in a standard rags-to-riches biopic, enlivened by Nichols's own playing and duets with Louis Armstrong, Directed by Melville Shavelson (86399226) 12.20 Cartoon (7171400) 12.30 Country File. John Craven looks at claims that our gun laws should be reviewed (9220110) 12.55 Weather (60613954)

1.00 News (66071868) 1.05 The High Chaparral. Vintage western series (r) (8054394) 1.55 Cartoon (79762467)
2.00 EastEnders. Omnibus edition (r). (Ceefax) (s) (65226)

3.00 Eldorado (r). (Caeíax) (s) (3597) 3.30 Film: Genevieve (1953)

 CHOICE: No apologies for recommending this perennially enjoyable British comedy, even if it has been on television dozens of times before and there will be viewers who know its scenes by heart. For newcomers, it charts the rivalries of two young couples who enter their old cars in the London to Brighton run and decide to make a race of it on the way home. Nice John Gregson and Dinah Sheridan are pitched against raucous Kenneth More and extrovert Kay Kendall, helped along by Larry Adler's jaunty harmonica score. The film is often mistaken for an Ealing comedy. The subject is pure Ealing, the writer William Rose scripted The Ladykillers and the director Henry Cornelius made Passport to Pimlico. But Genevieve was actually a product of the Rank

Organisation (6757145)

4.55 Europe by Design. In Belgium, Tom Vernon investigates the carfree centre of Antwerp (9437597)

5.25 Famborough '92. Highlights from the final day of the aerospace exhibition (9999145)

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6.15 The Survival Guide to Food. How some food-poisoning germs lead a hand-to-mouth existence. (Ceefax) (s) (221526)
6.25 News with Chris Lowe. Weather (201482)
6.40 Songs of Praise. Pam Rhodes joins the celebrations to mark the

500th birthday of Dedham Church in Essex. (Ceefax) (s) (239955)
7.15 Keeping Up Appearances. Patricia Routledge stars as the indomitable snob in Roy Clarke's comedy. (Ceefax) (s) (972955)
7.45 The House of Elfott. Stella Gonet and Louise Lombard star in the polished period drama charting the progress of a 1920s fashion house. (Ceefax) (s) (370446)
8.40 Birds of a Feather, Pauline Chirks and Linda Robson days at the

8.40 Birds of a Feather. Pauline Quirke and Linda Robson star as the wise-cracking prison widows. (Ceefax) (s) (286232)
9.10 News with Martyn Lewis. Weather (402110)





Mopping up: Christopher Lloyd and John Heard (9.25pm)

9.25 Screen One: Disaster at Valdez

◆ CHOICE: Michael Baker's trenchant documentary drama reconstructs the events of Good Friday 1989 when the tanker Exxon Valdez ran aground in Alaska, pouring 11 million gallons of oil into the beautiful wilderness of Prince William Sound. Disaster at Valdez is concerned partly with why the accident happened but mostly with the recriminations that followed. These involved the Exxon pill company politicians, coastavands, emicroproportalists and Exxon oil company, politicians, coastguards, environmentalists and fishermen. With the factions arguing among themselves as well as with each other, the clean-up operation was dilatory, and ineffective. Those looking for villains will be disappointed. Baker suggests the trouble lay in muddle rather chicanery, John Heard and Christopher Lloyd nead an excellent cast and the production has an impressive ring of authenticity. (Ceefax) (62159665)

11.00 Everyman: The Reincarnation of Khensur Rinpoche.

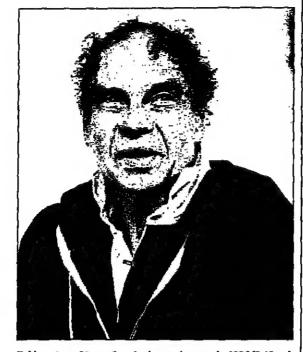
Documentary chanting the search by a Tibetan Buddhist monk for the reincarnation of his deceased master. (r). (Ceefax) (893145) 11.45 The Sky at Night. Patrick Moore studies the Great Spiral in Andromeda (s) (903226) 12.05am Weather (5956153)

BBC2

6.35 Open University: Mathematical Models and Methods (6076416) 6.35 Open University: Mathematical Models and Methods (6076416) 7.00 Modern Art: Abstract Expressionism (3586684) 7.25 Statistics: Experiments and Energy (3678619) 7.50 Culture and Belief in Europe 1450-1600 (5334226) 8.15 The All Electric Home (6239874) 8.40 The Future on Display (8992023) 9.05 Projecting Visions (6323400) 9.30 Rural Life: Victorian Farming (9999394) 9.55 Quantum Physics: Electrons and Photons (4993058) 10.20 Stand by your Banner! (9497752) 10.45 Parents and School — A Danish Approach (5426145) 11.10 A Strategy for Benefits (1794348) 11.35 Synthesis of a Drug (2434226)
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(5) (952/71)
7.15 The Living Planet: Seas of Grass. David Attenborough explores the grasslands of Brazil, where he sees giant ant-eaters feeding on termites; the steppes of Eurasia, home to an unusual antelope; and the grasslands of tropical Africa, where the people have a close relationship with the wild game (r). (Ceefax) (573416)



Taking steps: Merce Cunningham rehearses in 1986 (8.10pm)

8.10 Dancemakers: Cage and Cunningham. Judith Mackrell pays tribute to John Cage, who died last month. For 50 years he and American choreographer Merce Cunningham formed one of the most important artistic collaborations of this century. The programme includes their Points in Space, a BBC commission first shown in 1987 (r). (Ceefax) (s) (859771)
9.05 Grand Prix. Highlights of the Italian grand prix from Monza (s) (151226)

9.35 Tennis: US Open. Live coverage of the men's singles final. John Barrett and Mark Cox commentate (24545145). Ends at 12.35am

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6.00 TV-am (5727023)
9.25 The Disney Club. Andrea Boardman, Paul Hendy and Richard Orford are joined by the Pasadenas live in the studio (5709481) 10.45 Link. Members of the Survivors' Poetry Group performing some of their works about mental breakdown. (Oracle) (7680435)

11.00 Morning Worship from Walcot Methodist Church, Bath (93597) 12.00 The Human Factor. Audrey Eyton, author of F-Plan Diet, talks to Peter Williams about the faith that helped her to survive her only son's suicide. (Ceefax) (81145)

12,30 An Invitation to Remember v 12.55 LWT News (17362482) mber with Glenda Jackson (r) (9328706)

1.00 News with Suc Carpenter. Weather (69399961)
1.10 Special Inquiry. Donald McCormick reports on the 1992
American presidential campaign (9672400)
2.15 The Smurfs. Cartoon adventures (r) (961987)

2.45 Bullseye. Darts and general knowledge game (311428) 3.15 Film: At the Earth's Core (1976) Tongue-in-cheek science fiction 3.15 Film: At the Earth's Core (1976) longue-in-cheek science fiction adventure starring Peter Cushing and Doug McClure. When their excavating machine hurtles out of control, a scientist and his companion find themselves in a strange land within the earth's centre. Directed by Kevin Connor (69311348)
4.55 Baywatch: Nightmare Bay. David Hasselhoff stars as the controller of a team of Los Angeles lifeguards. When a fishing boat is dragged underwater, Mitch and his team have the task of solving the mether. (J. Core) (in 1650-161336)

the mystery (r). (Oracle) (s) (56015226) 6.30 News with Sue Carpenter. Weather (468329) 6.35 LWT News

(387400) 6.40 Appeal. Lenny Henry with an appeal on behalf of the Legal Assistance Trust (740435)
6.45 Dana — the Road to the Isles. The Irish singer continues her journey on the West Highland railway line. (Oracle) (960110)



Up to his old tricks: Jeremy Beadle plays the joker (7.15pm)

7.15 You've Been Framed! Jeremy Beadle presents more amateur out takes (967023)

7.45 Film: Cocoon — the Return (1988) starring Steve Guttenberg, Don Ameche and Jessica Tandy. Inferior but passable sequel to Cocoon in which the rejuvenated old-timers return to earth to visit their families and friends. Directed by Daniel Petrie. (Oracle) 9.50 Michael Winner's True Crimes: A Twist in the Tail. This week's

story features the married son of a millionaire Surrey businessman who is snatched from his home. (Oracle) (123706)

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10.20 The Monarchy

CHOICE: Tonight's topic in this unsensational series, which makes absolutely no reference to Fred, Gladys or Squidgy, is the extent to which the monarchy is a means of keeping the diverse parts of the kingdom together. The film suggests that it does have an important unifying role, even down to apparently trivial matters such as the royals wearing kilts when they go to Scotland or the Prince of Wales learning Welsh before his investiture. The Scots were less pleased when the newly crowned Queen went to Edinburgh not in her coronation robes but wearing an ordinary coat and (horror of horrors) carrying a handbag. The argument tends to have less force in Northern Ireland where the majority strongly identifies with a Protestant monarch. Even so, it is strongly identifies with a Protestant monarch. Even so, it is

strongly identifies with a Protestant monarch. Even so, it is suggested that Protestant outrage at the Anglo-Insh agreement may have been defused by loyalty to the crown. (Oracle) (826416) 10.50 News with Sue Carpenter. Weather (637110) 11.10 Film: Unfaithfully Yours (1983). Disappointing remake of a 1948 comedy classic starring Dudley Moore as a conductor who is convinced that his wife (Nastassia Kinski) is having an affair with a violinist. Directed by Howard Zieff (693058) 12.55am Cue the Music. Roy Harper in concert at the Glastonbury Music Festival (18820) 2.05 The TTV Chart Show (r) (s) (8660135) 3.05 Film: The Fighter (1952, b/w). Grim little drama in which Richard Conte takes up boxing to raise money to buy weapons for the

Conte takes up boxing to raise money to buy weapons for the Mexican revolution in 1910. Directed by Herbert Kline (3245511) 4.30 Memories 1970-1991. Robert Powell narrates this programme, which looks back at the last 21 years of news (s) (11714) 5.30 ITN Morning News (77849). Ends at 6.00

CHANNEL 4

6.00 Trans World Sport (r) (27139) 7.00 Take 5. Programmes for younger viewers (3571752) 7.25 Willo the Wisp Cartoon in (2973874) 7.35 Sharky and George. Antics of a triby detective (7398416) 8.05 Pro Stars. Animated adventures with the sporting heroes (7838145) 8.30 Kelly. Tales of a clever police dog (94941) 9.00 Spacecas. Feline fun (6326597)

9.25 Laurel and Hardy. Cartoon version of the famous comedy duo (3601313)

9.30 Dennis. Animated adventures with the mischievous boy and his friends (r) (7271905)

9.45 Flipper. Tales of a friendly dolphin (890232)
10.15 If Wishes were Horses. First of a six-part series in which a group of children learn to ride (r). (Telefext) (s) (719313) 10.45 Voyage to the Bottom of the Sea Cult 1960s science fiction senes starring Richard Basehart (681706)

11.45 Little House on the Prairie. The trials and tribulations of a close-knit Kansas plains family (3985961) 12.40 Ovide. Animated fun (29069868) 12.55 Film: Man in the Moon (1960, b/w) Feeble British comedy starring Kenneth More as the first British astronaut to be sent into

space. With Michael Hordern and Shirley Ann Field Directed by Basil Dearden (59729042)

2.45 Football Italia Live coverage of Lano v Fiorentina (46430394)
4.55 Mr. Magoo. Cartoon double bill teaturing the myopic Magoo. 5.10 News and weather (2265619)

5.15 Answering Back Susannah Simons asks 36-year-old Bill Gates, the chairman of Microsoft and reportedly the richest man in America, whether he feels his company can continue to three in the competitive world of international computing 19902619 6.00 Channel 4 Racing. Brough Scott introduces highlights of today a racing from Leopardstown in the Irish Republic and Longchamp in France (2021)

France (333)
6.30 The Cosby Show. American family cornedy series (Teletex (1503)



Nail-biters: from traditional thrills to virtual reality (7.00pm)

7.00 Eduinox: Theme Park Heaven.

◆ CHOICE Taking its cue from the opening of EuroDisney, this diverting film traces the development of the theme park over the past 40 years and considers what technology is likely to offer us in the future. Disney started it all with his original Disneyland in California. Traditional thribs are still provided by the rolle-coaster. which in its most advanced form offers neil-biting rides at up to 12 mph. One enthusiast likens the experience to driving your car off a cliff. At the same time Hollywood film studios are offering the public versions of the special effects used in movies such as Earthquake and Back to the Future. The latest concept to excite the industry is "virtual reality". Involving the use of interactive computer graphics, this is poised to offer a form of escapism that could be far more sinister than that of wholesome old Disney (Teletext) (3684) 8.00 Evelyn Glennie Live. The percussionist performs in a concert at

the Queen's Theatre in London, broadcast simultaneously with Classic FM (7936) 8.30 American Football. Mick Luckhurst looks at the Super Bowl

Champions, the Washington Redsiuns, and Gary Imlach reports on the New York Giants. The featured game is the Atlanta Falcons at the Washington Redskins (75503)

choose between the boylinend who abandoned her 1S months earlier and his best friend, with whom she has been having an affair. Directed by George Ogivie. (Teletext) (s) (818145)

11.55 Film: Taipei Story (1984). A study of the disintegrating relationship between a young couple who appear to have everything. Directed by Edward Yang. In Mandarin with English subtitles (58981619). Ends at 2.05am

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12.00 Earth Angel (1991): A former prom queen returns to help her friends (95481) 2.00pm Russkies (1987): Boys find a Russen sallor washed up on the beach

11.35 Tange and policener are forced to work together (575886) 1.20 When Your Lower Leaves (1983): A woman is spurned (31559) 2.55 The Woman who Sinned (1991): A lady starts an illicit affair (219646) 4.25 Betsy's Wedding (1990): Alan Alda wants his daughter to have an extravagant wedding (696530). Ends at 6.00am

THE MOVIE CHANNEL

 Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites
 15am The Devil and Miss Jones (1941, b. I saws size even and mess being a shop assistant (87550400) 7.50 Red Dust (1932, blw): Clark Gable gets involved with two women (84075313) 9.30 Birdman of Alcatriaz (1962): A prisoner becomes an ornithologist recogni

prisoner becomes an ornithologist (15868519) The Man Who Could Cheat Death (1959) A sculptor finds a way of prolonging life (956077) 2.15 The Adventures of Robin Hood (1998, blw): Errol Flynn robs the rich to help 4.15 Our Sons (1991): Two mothers come to terms with their sons' homosexuality

1.15 Our Soft (1991): We make some from sexuality (12725503)
6.05 Avadon (1990): Drama about a Jewich family in Baltimore (40182139)
8.15 Fresh Horses (1988): An ambrious student is obsessed by a mysterious grid (70288665)
10.00 Sarahi, Plain and Tall (1991): Glenn Close tries to love two children (647139)
11.45 Memphis (1991): Cybill Shepherd Indianas a young boy (736042)
1.20am Creator (1985): Peter O'Toole recreates his dead wife (892085)
3.10 Valustrino (1977): Rudolf Nureyev plays the legendary lover (75528608). Ends at 5.20am

e Via the Astra satellite 4.00pm Film: The Cracksman (9597) 6.00 Here's Boomer (4394) 6.30 Car 54, Where Are You? (1874) 7.00 The New Three Stooges (6690) 7.30 In Living Color (7058)

THE COMEDY CHANNEL

8.00 The Cornedy Company (93400) 9.00 The Sunday Comics (80936) 10.00 Moon-lighting (83023) SKY SPORTS

(19313)
4.00 White Hunter, Black Heart (1990):
Clint Eastwood plays a director who wants to shoot an elephant (2023)
6.00 Battrasen (1966): Adam West plays the caped crusater (63067)
8.00 Rocky V (1990): Sylvester Stallone makes another come-back (62874)
10.00 First Blood (1992): A Vieunam verterant is pushed too far (982329)
11.35 Tango and Cash (1989); Two mal policomen are correct to work together (575868)
1.20 When Your Lover Liveres (1983): A woman is sourced (331559)
2.55 The Worman who Sinned (1991): A Elipochopyr EUROSPORT

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 Via the Antra satellite
 12.00 Rambo (86771) 12.30pm Spiral Zone (92874) 1.00 White Shadow (4243133) 1.55 Focus On Britain (7056313) 2.50 Spain Spain International Cuisine (4516597) 3.05 Focus On Britain (5579481) 3.30 Basic Training (5110) 4.00 American Gameshows: Jackpot (10619) 5.00 The New Newly Wed Game (8226) 5.30 Fashon Frie (5481) 6.00 Sellavision (5483329) 10.00 Music Videos (2328706) 2.30-3.00em Top Five (17714) CNN INTERNATIONAL

PM Stereo and MW. 7.00am Gary Davies with The Weekend Breakfast Show 9.30 Dave Lee Trave 72.30pm Pick of the Pops with Alan Freeman 2.30 Chris Evans with Too Much Gravy 4.00 The Complete UK Top 40 7.00 Pete Tong's Essential Selection 8.00 Anne Nightingale's Request Show 10.00 Gary Davies (FM only) after 12.00) 1.00am Nicky Home (FM only) 4.00 Bruno Brookss (FM only)

RADIO 2

FM Stereo 7.00em Don Maclean says Good Morning Sunday 9.05 John Sachs with Much More Music 12.00 The Vintage Years, 2.00

Charlie Chester, 7.00 Melodies for You 8.30 Sunday Half Hour 9.00 Your Hundred Best Tunes 10.00 Radio 2 Arts Programme: The Critic — Maligned or Maligning 12.05am Mark Wymer 1.00 Charles Nove with Night Ride 4.00 Alex Lester. The Early Show

News and Sport on the until 7.00pm. 6.00em World Service: Newshour 7.00 Waterlines 7.30 World Service: Newshour 7.00 Waterlines 7.30 Weekend Edition 9.30 Tales from the Perilous Realm 10.00 Johnnie Walker with The AM Alternative Ornnikus 11.30 Farriasy Football League Update with Ross King 6.30 Rock Solid: Anna Grayson explores Lyme Bay 7.00 Sports Bullein 7.10 Open University: Soveregnity, 7.30 Sounds Technical, 7.50 The Political Imagery of Queen Elizabeth I; 8.10 Social Sciences Foundation Course; 8.30 Women's Studies: The Way She Tells Tim, 8.50 Running the Country; 9.10 The Enlightenment: The Key; 9.30 Matths: Relations 10.10 Across the Line Incl. 11.00 News 12.00-12.10am News: Sport

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Review 10.15 Short Story: There Are No Bones in Bully Beef 10.30 Folk in Britain 10.45 Sports

Roundup 11.00 Science in Action 11.30 Londres Mati 11.45 News in German Midday

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CLASSIC FIVE

6.00am Sarah Lucas 9.00 Classic Romance with Nick Bailey 12.00 CD Requires with Henry Kelly 2.00pm Celebrity Choice: Glenda Jackson MP 3.00 Robert Booth 7.00 Love Lives of the Great Composers Lizz 8.00 Classic RM Concert 10.00 Sunday Night Dut with Margaret Howard 11.00 Contemporary Classics 12.00 André Jeon

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As London except 12.39-1.10 Carromate Flag (961987) 2.45 Film: The Sicilians (6056482) 4.00 Bowls (9936) 5.00 Scotsport (5145) 6.00-6.30 Bullseye (481) 11.15 Prisoner: Cell Block H (824400) 12.10 Cover Story (Hall Linder) (4423065) 12.40 Quiz Night (1686191) 1.10 The high Games (6658601) 1.10 The high Game (6558601) 1.10 Film: Massacre in the Game (55085) 4.05 2.10 Film: Massacre in Rome (225085) 4.05 The (FV Chart Show (4575462) 5.00-5.30 Jobfinder (26004)

CENTRAL

As London except: 12.30-1.00 Gardening Time (9328705) 2.15 Memories of 1970-1991 (961987) 2.45 The Central Match Live (71351348) 5.05 Baywatch (7702077) 6.06-6.30 Bulkseye (481) 71.15 Film: The Gradu-ste (448435) 1.10 Dangerous Women (4913172) 2.05 The ITV Chart Show (36462) 3.05 Cue the Music (71608) 4.05

9.00 News
9.05 Brian Kay's Sunday
Morning, Selection of music
including Listeners' Requests
and works by Schubert,
Poulenc, McLeod and
Stravinsky, Features: Holst (A.
Somerat Bhareschi's Shalius.

Franck (Panis Angelicus);

Dances, Gloriana);

Somerset Rhapsody): Sibelius (Suite for violin and orchestra); Composer of the Week, preview, Cherubini (Hymme à la victoire); Artist of the Week,

Planase (17 Vanations, Op 22): Balfour-Gardiner (Overture to a Comedy); Rutter (Gloria): Donizetti (Ah) mes amis, La fille du Régiment: Luciano Pavarotti, terior); Beethoven (Sonata in C

Rachmaninov (O Come let us

worship; Bless the Lord, oh my soul, Vespers); Symphony of the Week: Saint Sains

(Symphony No. 3 in C minor,

Organ)
12.00 Spirit of the Age: Hildegard
of Bingen — Behind the Veil.
In this first programe of a
series on Early and Baroque
music, Christopher Page and
John Milsom discuss this 12th-

century figure

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Chahe (9273023) 2.15 The Life and Times of
Grizzly Adams (6212058) 3.10 Film: The
Secret Garden (57527077) 5.00 Bulseye
(3110) 5.30-6.30 Coronation Street (95313)
10.25-10.55 Celebration: Manchester Live
With Mark Little (827145) 11.15 The
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HTV WEST

As London except: 12.30-1,00 The Nature of Things (9328705) 2.15 Press Your Luck (961987) 2.45 Wrestling (8755416) 3.35 Film: From Tokyo With Love (828110) 5.30 Bulkeye (868) 6.00-6.30 A Class of Their Own (481) HTV WALES

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As London except: 12.30-1.00 TSW Farming Week (9328706) 2.15 The Life and Times of Grazily Adams (6212058) 3.10 Film: The Secret Garden (57527077) 5.00

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dar News (28597400) 2.15 Highway to Heaven (5453787) 3.05 Film: Follow Nic Newen (5453/87) 3.05 f/dm; Follow, No-Boyst (7927/058) 530 Bullsere (855) 6.00-6.30 Calendar (481) 11.15 frim. The Hound of the Baskervilles (841 Richardson, Donald Churchill) 627/4001 1.05 The Twight Zone (8628/14) 1.30 Lafter Hours (84288) 2.00 The ITV Chart Show (9115220) 3.00 Film Was Happy Here" (4138-19) 4,40-5,30 Jobtunder (1560578)

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RADIO 3

6.55 Weather
7.00 Sunday Morning Concert:
Berlioz (Overture, Carnaval
Romain: BBC O under Yan
Pascal Tortelier); Chausson
(Poème: BBC Concert
Occharte under Charles 1.05 Replay: a new senes from the BBC Sound Archives: Bertrand Russell in 1953 remembers Russell in 1953 remembers loseph Conrad
1.20 The Seasons: by Joseph Haydn. RIAS Chamber Choir, Chamber Orchestra of Europe
3.40 Pawarotti: the tenor talks to Rodney Milnes about his operatic roles (r)
4.40 Talich Quartet is Schumann (String Quartet is A minor, Op 41 No 1); Fiser (String Quartet, 1984); Smetana (String Quartet No 1 in E minor, From my life) (r)
5.50 Oslo Philharmonic Mariss Jansons conducts Arne Orchestra under Charles Groves, with Patricia Calnan, violin); Massenet (Ballet music Le Cid: BBC PO under Yan Pascal Tortelier); Weber (Overture, Der Freischütz: BBC (Overture, Der Freischütz: BBC Concert Orchestra under David Coleman); Ravel (Pavane pour une infante défurte: BBC Concert Orchestra under Elgar Howarth); Grieg (Holberg Suite: BBC Concert Orchestra under David Coleman); Faurè (Suite, Masques et Bergamasques: BBC Concert Orchestra under Charles Groves); Hindemith (Symphonic Metamorphosis on themes of Weber: BBC Concert Orchestra under David Coleman)
News

5.50 Osto Philinarmonic: Mariss Jansons conducts Ame Nordheim (C anzona); Berio (Folk Songs); Messiaen (Les offrandes outbiees); Schnittke (Epilogue, Peer Gynt)
 7.05 Early Mozart, Early Beethoven: Christopher Kite plays Beethoven (Sonata in Fminor, WoO47 No 2); Mozart (Sonata in F, K 280) (f)
 7.30 Sunday Play: King Oedipus © CHOICE: Curlously for this fine actor, Robert Lindsay

fine actor, Robert Lindsay keeps too tight a rein on Sophocles's cursed king in John Theocharis's new John Theocharis's new production of the tragedy, lindsay isn't the first actor to stumble at the Oedipus hurdle, and he won't be the last. Elsewhere, particularly in Paul Daneman's Creon and Dorothy Tutin's Jocasta, Theocharis's cast supply the energy this monumental energy this monumental power house of a play demands from its actors. The play is adapted from W.B. Yeats's little-known translation, and benefits from Christos Pittas's specially

Christos httas's specially composed music

9.00 Mahler: Symphony No 4 in G. Susan Bickley (mezzo), BBC Symphony Orchestraunder Andrew Davis (r)

10.00 Music on Our Time: first of two programmes commemorating the work of

John Cage 11.45 The Romantic Flute: Anna Noakes (flute) and John Alley (piano) play franz Doppler (Hungarian Pastoral Fantasy): Kuhlau (Fantasia in D, Op 95 No 1); Reinecke (Sonata in E minor, Undine) 12.30-12.35am News

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RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping Forecast 6.00 News Briefing 6.03 Weather 6.10 Prelude: with Majorie Lofthouse

6.55 Weather
7.00 News
7.10 Sunday Papers 7.15 On
Your Farm: 7.40 Sunday 7.55
Weather
8.00 News 8.10 Sunday Papers
8.50 Michael Parkinson speaks for
the Week's Good Cause about
the work of a charity for
families caring for their
disabled or critically ill children
8.55 Weather 9.00 News
9.10 Sunday Papers

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9.15 Letter from America by
Alistan Cooke (1) 9.30 Morning Service 10.15 The Archers: Omnibus edition

(s)
11.15 News Stand (s)
11.30 Pick of the Week: with Chris Serie (s) (r)
12.15pm Desert Island Discs: childcare expert Penelope Leach talks to Sue Lawley (s)
12.55 Weather

solve gardening problems sent in by listeners (s)

2.30 Sunday Playhouse: Porter's Wheel, by Albert Welling. Peter Vaughan as a disturbing presence with a Judas obsession (r)

4.00 News: The Road to Rocio: Trader Faulkner joins a million Spanish pilgrims on their journey to the Andalusian village of Rocio, Readings by Yolanda Vazquez and Tito Heredia (s) (r) 4.47 More Wrestling Than

Dancing: 4. The Boundary Riders. David Moreau recalls his time with Harold, an Australian journalist cum-

Morgan travels from Llangoffen, famed for its international Esteddfod, to

he continues his journey along the River Dee (s) 5.40 Lines of Communication. last in the senes with Patrick Hannan musing on words and meaning, sense and nonsense, thyme and teason 5.50 Shipping Forecast 5.55 Weather

Weather
6.00 Six O'Clock News
6.15 Feedback: with Chris Dunkley
6.30 Ministering to the Arts: A
four-part senes in which Roy
Strong investigates the
relationship between the state
and the arts. 2: The New
Patrons. The effects of
sponsorship and the
technological revolution 7.90 in Business: California -Running on Empty. Peter Day reports on the economic troubles of the American state and the lessons the rest of the

world can learn from it (i)

7.30 A Good Read: Edward Bishen invites Posy Simmonds and kit Wright to talk about four paperbacks (s) (r)

8.00 Puniters (r) 8.30 Reading Aloud: The Wonderful Adventures of Mrs. Seacole in Many Lands. Mary Seacole's autobiography was a bestseller when it was originally published in 1857,

chronicing her extensive travels. She was also a heroine of the Crimean War. Read by Joan-Ann Maynard 9.00 The Natural History Programme: Jessica Holm joins a group of bat

enthusiasts (r) 9.30 Special Assignment (r) 9.59 Weathe 10.00 News

10.15 Science Friction. The Six Million Dollar Human (s) (r) 11.15 Cafe Society: Nick Swingler reflects on the history of the cafe as a place for creative thinking. Readers: Alan Sykes and Geoffrey Wheeler (r)

11.30 Seeds of Faith: The One and the Market history control of the control of the control of the care of the control of the care of the Many. In the second of three programmes John Kane of Manchester University

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6.30 News; Morning Has Broken 6.55 Weather

12.55 Weather

1.00 News; The World This
Weekend 1.55 Shipping
2.00 Gardeners' Question Time:
Chairman Clay Jones calls on
Dr Stefan Buczacki, Fred
Downham and Sue Phillips to
solve gardenun problems sens

sheep-shearer (r) 5.00 News; Down the River: Cliff

considers Greek polytheism (s)

12.00 News 12.20am Weather 12.33 Shipping Forecast

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7.25 News and weather (3824760) 7.30 Hallo Spencer. Puppet fun (r) (5) (5438096) 7.50 Babar. Cartoon antics of the regal elephant (r) (5432812) 8.15 The New Lassie. Canine adventures. (Ceefax) (6240980) 8.35 The Jetsons. Animated fun with the space-age family (r) (8000096)

9.00 Parallel 9. Roddy Maude-Roxby, Helen Atkins, Jenny Bolt, Dominic McHale and Kevin Williams are joined by Boy George, Definition and Urban Strawberry Lunch (s) (70918218)

10.55 Film: Silver Lode (1954). Modest western with echoes of High Noon in which a vengeful marshal (Dan Duryea) comes to arrest a rancher (John Payne) for murder. Directed by Allan Dwan

12.10 Daffy Duck Double Bill. Cartoon fun (5013522) 12.27 Weather

12.30 Grandstand introduced by Steve Rider. The line-up includes (subject to alteration): 12.35 Football Focus: 8ob Wilson and Gary Lineker look back on the week's action; 1.10 News; 1.15 Paralympics: A look at the outstanding performances from the games for the physically disabled in Barcelona; 1.55, 2.25 and 2.55 Racing from Goodwood; 2.05 and 2.35 Water Skiing: Hazel Irvine and Alan Goggin commentate on the World Barefoot Championships from Thurrock; 3.05 Golf: Round three of the GA European Open from Sunningdale; 4.40 Final Score (34853367) 5.05 News and weather (3808763) 5.15 Regional news (2264980).

Wales (to 5.50) Wales on Saturday 5.20 Big Break. Jim Davidson hosts a new series of the snooker and general knowledge game show. This week he is joined by Stephen Hendry, Peter Ebdon and Darren Morgan. John Virgo is the referee.

(Ceefax) (s) (3545560)

5.50 Bobby Davro — Public Enemy Number 1. More unsuspecting members of the public fall for practical jokes. With Irm Bowen, Anthea Turner, Lesley Joseph and Leslie Crowther. (Ceefax) (s)

6.30 Film: Star Trek V: The Final Frontier (1989). William Shatner made his directing debut with this rather heavy-going addition to the Star Trek saga in which a Vulcan mystic causes trouble for the captain and crew of the starship Enterprise. (Ceefax) (s) (56515386)



Emergency call: the staff are back at Holby hospital (8.10pm)

 CHOICE: The hectic medical drama is back for a seventh season with changes to the team and the hint of a return to the political dimension which used to annoy some Conservative MPs. Holby hospital has become a trust, run by a general manager (Joanna Foster) determined to push for savings from an already hard-pressed staff. The potential conflicts arising from this are only lightly explored in tonight's episode but they look like gathering importance. At least they will give variety to what was becoming a stereotyped format and help to take our minds off the blood and anguish. The newcomers include a casualty officer (Jason Riddington) and a health care assistant (Emma Bird) but the show has still to fill the gap left by the departure of Brenda Fricker's kindly

nas still to full the gap left by the departure of brenda Fricker's kindly Megan and that eccentric Polish porter. (Ceefax) (s) (393541)

9.00 Last Night of the Proms introduced by Richard Baker from the Albert Hall in London. Featuring Dame Kirl Te Kanawa singing a trio of operatic arias and the BBC Symphony Orchestra and Chorus under Andrew Davis with the BBC Singers (s) (38251299)

10.40 News with Martyn Lewis. (Ceefax) Sport and weather (292299)

11.00 Match of the Day Special. Desmond Lynam introduces action from the Premier league and from world championship boxing.

Football: highlights of two of today's matches. Boxing: the WBC featherweight championship from Toulouse in France, with Paul Hodkinson of Liverpool defending his title against Fabrice Benichou. Harry Carpenter is the commentator (s) (259251) 12.50am Weather (9362315)

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3.00 Gardening with Wildlife. Tony Soper visits two gardens and looks at which trees and shrubs provide the best cover and natural food for wildlife (r) (3812744)

3.25 Film: Passage to Marseille (1943, b/w). Dull wartime flagwaver starring Humphrey Bogart and Michèle Morgan. While investigating a Free French air force squadron, a journalist discovers that their leader is an escaped convict. Directed by Michael Curtiz

5.10 Film: Murder at the Gallop (1963, b/w). When an eccentric recluse is frightened to death, Agatha Christie's amateur detective Miss Marple (Margaret Rutherford) suspects foul play. Enjoyable Rutherford but poor Christie. Directed by George Pollock

6.30 Late Again. Highlights from last week's editions of The Late Show 7.15 News and sport with Moira Stuart. Weather (462928)



Land of Hope and Glory: Andrew Davis conducts (7.30pm)

7.30 Last Night of the Proms from the Albert Hall in London Introduced by Richard Baker, Featuring Dame Kiri Te Kanawa singing two arias; the Russian pianist Tatyana Nikolaeva, playing Shostakovich's Second Piano Concerto; and the BBC Symphony Orchestra under Andrew Davis (s) (67015) (simultaneous broadcast

8.30 The US Open Termis Championships from Flushing Meadow in New York. Barry Davies introduces live coverage of the women's singles final followed by the first of the men's singles semi-finals. John Barrett, Virginia Wade, Mark Cox and David Mercer provide

the commentary (120831)

11.00 Film: Barbarella (1967). Sexy comic strip adventure starring Jane Fonda as an 41st-century astronaut who uses the power of love to fight the forces of evil. Directed by Roger Vadim (169299). Ends at

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6.00 TV-am (5823251) 9.25 What's Up Doc? Pat Sharp tells how to win a trip to a private showing of Madonna's new film, A League of Their Own, Yvette Fielding has a go at baseball; and Andy Crane looks into the macho world of the lumberjack (27593299) 11.30 Movies, Movies, Movies. The latest films on video and at the

12.00 The ITV Chart Show. Featuring the Beloved performing "Your Love Takes Me Higher" (66134) 1.00 News with Ed Stourton. Weather (66162164) 1.05 LWT News

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1.10 Starting from Scratch. American comedy series about a small-town vet (75854589)1.35 McCloud: The Colorado Cattle Caper. Dennis Weaver is joined by John Denver and Farrah Fawcett. The cowboy detective finds himself up against opposition when he tries to transfer a murder suspect (r) (9928589)

3.00 Mattock. Andy Griffith stars in the courtroom drama series

3.55 WCW Wresting from America (7169763) 4.40 News with Ed Stourton. Weather (8504675) 5.00 LWT News

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5.15 Barrymore. Michael Barrymore introduces more clips from previous shows, where members of the public are the stars (r) (9937305)

6.00 Film: Big (1988). Tom Hanks stars in this appealing comedy about a 12-year-old boy who asks a camival wishing machine to make him "big". The following morning he finds he is a fully grown adult and is chased from his home as an intruder. He finds success at work but comes to the conclusion that being a grown up is not all he had hoped for. Directed by Penny Marshall. (Oracle) (95177473) 7.55 It'll Se Airight on the Night 6. Denis Norden introduces another

compilation of television and film out-takes (r) (387454) 8.55 News with Ed Stourton. Weather (907096)



Muscle-bound barbarian: Arnold Schwarzenegger (9.15pm)

9.15 Film: Conan the Barbarian (1981) starring Arnold Schwarzenegger. After witnessing the brutal murder of his parents, the young Conan is taken into slavery where he earns renown as a gladiator. Lumbering crypto-fascist nonsense, co-scripted by Oliver Stone and directed by John Milius. (Oracle) (56159454)

11.30 The Big E. Magazine programme for and about young Europeans (4) (52299)

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12.35am Bachelors ... Confirmed. A revealing documentary about men and women who have turned their backs on marriage

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1.40 New Music. Pop magazine with celebrity interviews (5960961)
2.40 Rhythm 'n' Raag. Asian music show featuring Stix Man, Ballyu Sagoo, Intermix, Mala and the Sahotas (9570955)
3.40 Indy Car Racing. Action from the Texaco Havoline 200 (3090329)
4.40 The Hit Man and Her. Pete Waterman and Michaela Strachan introduce the action from the nightclub scene (s) (1666706)
5.30 ITN Morning News (48110). Ends at 6.00

CHANNEL 4

6.00 Jayos and the Wheeled Warriors (r) (2637657) 6.25 Euroeka-Castle. Music and cartoons for the under-fives (r) (5770299) 6.55 Crosstalk. Exams and how to pass them (r) (6005926) 7.25 Blood Sweat and Glory. The history of sport (s) (3687367) 7.55 Trans World Sport. Sporting news and features (2263376) 9.00 News summary (7566744) 9.15 Racing: the Morning Line (8213386)

10.00 Quizbowi. Sports journalists test their knowledge. Today, The Daily Express v The Guardian (r) (s) (40744)
10.30 Gazzetta Football Italia. Paul Gascoigne looks back at last week's opening matches in Serie A and ahead to tomorow's fatures (11812)11.30 American Football. Mick Luckhurst and Gary Imlach introduce

highlights of the first week's action in the new NFL season (7015) 12.00 Get Smart. Spoof spy series starring Don Adams (76096)
12.30 Bosnia. The second part of the documentary following the lives of the inhabitants of a small Bosnian Muslim community (26589) 1.00 Film: Gidget (1959, b/w). Sandra Dee stars as a teenager who undergoes the agonies and ecstasies of young love when she falls for college student surfer (James Darren). Directed by Paul

Wendkos (57305893) 2.45 Racing from Doncaster. Brough Scott introduces Flying Châders
Stakes (3.05); Coalite St Leger Stakes (3.40); Coalite Handicap
(4.15); Reference Point Sceptre Stakes (4.45) (71382218)
5.05 Brookside. Omnibus edition (r). (Teletext) (s) (5859367)
6.30 The Big B. The second semi-final in the tournament to find Britain's

6.30 The Big B. The second semi-tinal in the tournament to tind smain's top wheelchair basketball team is between Oldham Owis and Milton Keynes Aces. With subtrities (s) (541)
7.00 The World This Week. As the situation in Somalia worsens, expatriate Somali Rakiya Omaar investigates the previously ignored plight of the hundreds of refugees who have died attempting the sea crossing from Somalia to Yemen; plus a report on the political crisis in Germany (9589)



Living alone: the redoubtable Hannah Hauxwell (8.00pm)

8.00 Too Long a Winter

CHOICE: This film about a brutal November on the Yorkshire moors faunches a short season of documentaries made by Barry Cockcroft and originally shown on ITV in the 1970s. A fine study in its own right, Too Long a Winter was notable for giving viewers their first glimpse of Hannah Hauswell. This redoutable spinster was living alone in a crumbling farmhouse without electricity or running water and farming 80 acres. She existed on an income of less than £300 a year. Her earnings have increased somewhat since, as television has made her a national celebrity. Cockcroft is a contemplative film-maker, who is not afraid of letting his images commitment in in-making, who is not arrate of letting insularias linger and speak for themselves rather than smothering them in words. Aerial shots of empty snowscapes, coupled with an Elgarian score, often take on the quality of poetry. (Teletext) (5909)

9.00 Court TV: America On Trial, introduced by Cynthia McFadden, in Fiorida v Cobb, Marsha Cobb is charged with conning Robert Busbee out of \$200,000 worth of his land. In Woodward v Gallacher, in the base to decide whether Sheriff Walter Callacher.

Gailagher, a judge has to decide whether Sheriff Walter Gailagher acted constitutionally when he banned Deputy Sheriff Tom Woodward from the Horida police force because of his bisequality

10.00 Let the Blood Rum Free. More mayhem and madness when Pam decides she is in love and Effie is heavily bandaged. (Teletext) (s) (77725)

10.30 Film: Ay, Carmela! (1990). Slight but attractively shot film from Spain about a vaudeville team who find themselves behind fascist lines during the Spanish civil war and are forced to stage an anti-republican show. Directed by Carlos Saura. In Spanish with English publics (0057201). subtitles (99678201)

12.20am Australian Rules Football. Antipodean action (6032955)
1.25 The Twifight Zone: Passage on the Lady Anne. A couple whose marriage is in trouble find love when they board an old ship originally designed for honeymooners (6127348)

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11.40 Eleven Days, Eleven Hights Part 2 (1988): A woman does research into prostitution (678678)
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3.00 Another Chance (1986): A man's

igan (961767) LSS Piranha Women (1988): An anthro-pologist discovers a tribe ruled by a mad woman (5674400). Ends at 6.00am:

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4.00 Mr. B. Mrs. Bridge (1990): Paul Newman and Joanne Woodward grow old together (22638473)
6.15 Felix The Cat (1990): Return of the cat created in 1919 (73377099):
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As London except: 11.30-12.00 Superman (9473) 1.10 Saturday Sport (66182928) 1.20 Film: No Deposit, No Return (98260396) 3.30 Movies, Movies, Movies (753) 4.90-4.40 Wresting (9530288) 5.00 Ulster News (2276725) 5.05-5.15 Saturday Sport (3893831) 11.35 Film: The Hunter (Save McQueen's last film) (582386) 1.20 Afred Hitchcock Presents: Andent Voices (1682416) 2.00 The Hit Man and Her (92226) 4.90 Videolashion (22394) 4.30-3.30 The Big E (41333)

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RADIO 3

6.55am Weather
7.00 Record Review: New releases including Mendelssohn
(Symphony No 4 in A, Italian: LSO under Barry Wordsworth.
9.00 News; followed by Building a Library: Schubert
(Symphony No 8 in B minor, Unfinished). Julian Budden

Uminshed). Julian Budden reviews new recordings of Cilea's L'Arlesiena; Rossini's Il Turco in Italia and Puccin's La Fanciulla del West. 10.35 Record Release, featuring extracts from the operas reviewed. 11.43 Anthony Burton presents a reviewed. 11.43 Artinony Burton presents a documentary on reissues and historical recordings 12.33pm Debussy (Images Susse Romande Orchestra under Errest Ansermet) News

1.00 news 1.05 Bath International Festival i Bath International Restival 1992: Omitri Sitkovetsky (violin) and Omitri Alexeev (piano) perform Beethoven (Sonata in G. Op 30 No 3); Prokofiev (Sonata No 1 in F minor, Op 80); Schumann (Sonata in A minor, Op 105; Intermezz. FAF Sonata)

(Sonata in A minor, Op 105; Internezzo, FAE Sonata); Brahms (Scherzo, FAE Sonata) Salve Regina: Settings from the 15th, 16th and 17th centuries. Monteverdi (Salve Regina: Taverner Players under Andrew Parrott with Nigel Rogers, tenor); Lassus (Salve Regina a R: Talis Scholare Regina a 8: Tallis Scholars under Peter Philips); Wildinson (Salve Regina a 9: The Sixteen under Harry Christophers) 3.00 Vienma: the Philharmonic Years 1842-1992: Richard

Years 1842-1992: Richard Osbome presents a series of 12 programmes recalling the Vienna Philharmonic's past 150 years. 1: The Founding Fathers. Nicolai (Overture: The Meny Wives of Windsor, conductor Wilhelm Buthwoon Wilhelm conductor Withelm
Furthwangler); J. Strauss, father
(Essle und Beisele Sprünge:
Boskovsky Ensemble under
Willi Boskovsky); Beethoven
(Overture: Leonore No 3 under
Furthwangler); Beethoven
(Symphony No 7 in A under
Carlos Kleiber); Berlioz (Queen
Mab Scherzo, Roméo et
Julifette under Lorin Maazeb*

Wagner (Wotan's Farewell; Magic Fire Music, Die Wallchre: George London, baritone, under Hans Knapperisbusch); Schumann (Overture, Scherzo: and Finale under Georg Soliti) under Georg Solt)

5.00 Jazz Record Requests

5.45 Third Opinion: Christopher
Cook with reviews of books
including Written on the Body
by Jeanette Winterson

6.30 The Songmen of Elcho: Graham Wiggins learns how to play the didgeridoo 7.05 Mendelssohn: Meios Quartet perform String Quartet in F minor, Op 80 7.30 Lest Micht of the Proms

minor, Op 80
7.30 Last Night of the Proms
1992: live from the Albert
Hall, London. BBC Singers and
8BC SO and Chorus under
Andrew Davis. With Kire Te
Kanawa (soprano), Tatyana
Nikolaeva (piano) and George
Mcliwham (bagpipes). Rossini
(Overture: The Barber of
Seville); Massenet (Pieurez mes
yeux. Le Cid; Je marche sur
tous les chemins, Manon);
Rossini, arr Britten (Soirées
musicales); Shostakovich
(Piano Concerto No 2 in Pt. muscalesi; shostakovich (Piano Concerto No 2 in F); Brahms, arr Sargent (Academ Festival Overture); Komgold (Marietta's Song); Catalani (Ebben? Ne andrò Jontana); Puccini (Chi il bel sogno); Suffivan (Overture di Ballo); Peter Manuell Designa (An Peter Maxwell Davies (An Orkney Wedding with Sunrise); Elgar (Pomp and Circumstance March No 1); Whold (Poetwell an British); Wood (Fantasia on British Sea-Songs), Arne (Rule, Brittania); Parry, orch Elgar (Jerusale In the interval at 8.30 A

Kitchenette of Composers by 10.40 Young Americans: Her Favorite Story. In the first of six readings by young American writers, Mark Richard reads from his collection The Ice at the Britton of the Wedd Bottom of the World 11.00 Bill Bruford's Earthworks: Brian Morton introduces the first of a formightly series of

12.30-12.35am 1

RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping Forecast 6.00am News Briefing and Weather 6.10 The Parming Week

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9.00 News
9.05 Sport on 4: with Cliff Morgan
9.30 Breakaway
10.00 News; Loose Ends (s)
11.00 News; Talking Politics: Huw
Edwards reports on the
Boundary Commission's ideas
for changing the make-up of

for changing the make-up of Britain's parliamentary constituencies 11.30 From Our Own Correspondent
12.00pm Money Box: new series
presented by Alison Mitchell
12.25 The News Quiz (s) 12.55

1.00 News 1.10 Any Questions? With Jonathan Dimbleby and guests Glenda Jadeson, MP and actress; Marganet Jay, former director of the National Aids Trust; Ludovic Kennedy, writer and broadcaster; and Sir Teddy Taylor, MP 1.55 Shipping (n)

Shipping (r) News: Any Answers? 071-580 4444 2.00 No 580 4444

2.30 Saturday Playhouse: Road to Munich. A man meets up with an associate of 40 years ago. Written by Douglas Livingstone, With Nicky. Henson and David Collings (s)

4.00 News; Science Friction: The Six Million Dollar Human. John Durant chairs a discussion on the attemns to redesign the

5.90 A Year in Harness: Paul Heiney's traditional Suffolk farm: August 5.25 Pourth Column; with Simon

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Weather
6.00 News and Sports Round-Up
6.25 Ad Lib: Robert Robinson
trades places with four
elminent psychiatrists
7.20 Kaleidoscope: The
distinguished playwright
Christopher Fry, who is 85 this
year, gives a rare radio
interview to John Miller (s)
7.50 Classic Serial: Père Goriot
● CHOłCE: David Hopkins's
adaptation of Balzac's study of
selfiess and selfish obsession,
has a masterly first episode
that bodes well for the
remaining three. The
atmosphere, and residents, of
both the malodorous boarding
house of Madame Vauquer
and the scented salors of and the scented salons of society women are wonderfully evoked in Kata Kowland's production which blots its copy book only once. The Berlioz waitz to which

Douglas Hodge's perniless student Rastignac dances at the 1819 ball was not, in fact, composed until 1830. Stephen Fry steps into Balzac's shoes as ny sieps into dealth sides.

narrator. It is a snug fit (s)

8.50 Beyond Bellef (r)

9.20 Music in Mind (s)

9.50 Ten to Ten (s) 9.59 Weather

10.00 News 10.15 The Gardening

Quiz: with Stefan Buczack (s)

10.45 Joining the Cubs: series of six programmes in which journalists remember the first steps they took in their

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steps they took in their careers. 1: Observer editor Donald Trelford (r)
11.00 Tingle Factor: guest George Melly (s) (r)
11.30 Dear Diarry: Simon Brett chooses diary extracts for September 11 (s) (r)
12.00-12.43am News and 12.27 Weather 12.33 Shipping 12.43 As World Service (LW only)

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